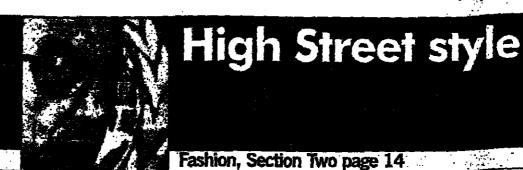


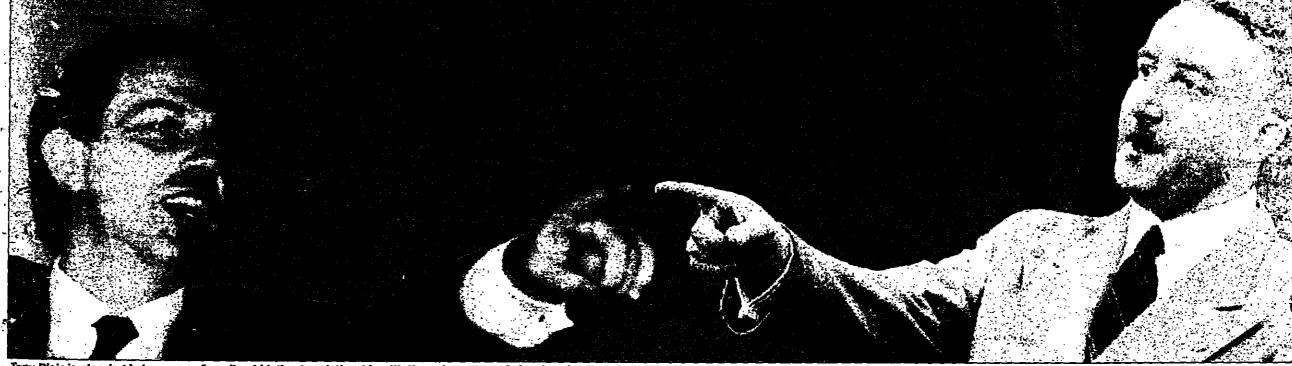
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Is this a labour party, brother?



Tony Blair is steering Labour away from its old Intimate relationship with the unions. Peter Sellers's union boss in I'm All Right Jack, who could stop production on a show of hands, would not have approved

No, it's meant for everyone...

is the Labour Party any longer

a labour party?
This week, perhaps for the first time since the party was horn in the early part of the centory, the answer to that question seems to be an unequivocal No. lony Blair's determination to stand by his junior spokesman. Stephen Byers after he had briefed that the party might ditch its union link, and then the public repudiation of the word socialism by another leading Blairite, Kim Howells - who was again fecked by his leader - are

unmissable signs. We must assume that Mr Blair does indeed intend to lead a party that is not connected to organised labour and which defines itself without reference to socialist ideology. Even for a party which has been through such a torrent of change as Labour, this is a wa-

How far can Blair go? He will face some irate traditionalists at the party's own conference and he needs union funding until the election itself. But what he is doing seems to be popular with voters, and the parliamentary left is now a weak and elderly force. No, the real barriers to mon with Gladstonian or

By Donald Macintyre

further shifts away from Labour's 20th-century history, to the point where that "project" simply disappears, are a few suspicious and very senior mem-bers of the Shadow Cabinet.

The loss of John Prescott, whose views on the formal repudiation of socialism are likely to be salty, to put it mildly, would be difficult to cope with. Trickier still would be any rift with Robin Cook, who sees himself in some ways as a keeper of the socialist faith. It is very useful for Blair to have the odd fight with the left, and beat them; but there may come a point when the perception of a split party worries him more.

Until then, however, the revolution continues. At the weekend Tony Benn said he could not believe believe that politics in the 21st century would revert to that of the 19th century when "you had two capitalist parties...". But that, he added, was what "modernisation is all about." Mr Benn is on to something. The idea that Tony Blair's Labour Party might in time have at least as much in com-

Asquithian Liberalism as with the mid-20th century version of

Labour is not outlandish. Consider the Labour leader's article in the Observer on Sunday, and its extraordinary reappraisal of Labour's early history. Almost by accident, he seems to be saying, the influence of Marx ned Labour to "a particular form of economic doctrine". What's more this was "height-

and the Liberais".

Blair is taking a liberty with history when he goes on to claim that the TUC was created when some unions "disapproved of ... forming the Labour Party." The TUC was formed in 1868, the Labour Representation Committee in 1900. But that doesn't affect his complaint that "Lloyd George, Keynes and Beveridge became separated from Attlee, Bevin and Bevan, though in truth they had the same basic ideals." According to Blair the forces that caused this split are spent". If this is not reclaiming the high ground of 19th- and early 20th-

ened" by the "division in radi-

cal politics . . . between Labour

The imease caused by all this among those senior Shadow Cabinet colleagues will not be reduced by Blair's speech in the City last night. Blair again and again made it clear that he was not trying to claim that every economic policy of previous Labour governments it was good or every one taken by previous Tory governments had.

It's shocking, certainly. But that doesn't make it wrong. And there's something more. It's fashionable to complain about the absence of deep difference between the two main parties. But a 19th-century radical would have been surprised at the idea that because the two parties wanted to make capifalism work, there was no electoral choice. Any more than that each had its business supporters. Gladstone, fiscally responsible but, as time wore on more and more a reformer, isn't

an unworthy model. It doesn't, of course, mean that Blair is seeking to abandon every triumph of Labour's history. But it does mean that his journey back to the future is much longer than any of us thought. Tony Benn is right. This is not Labour as we know it.

The word socialism should be humanely phased out'

Kim Howells, Sunday Tony Blair's allies believe he is considering holding a ballot of all members to secure a mandate for divorcing the party from the

Thoughts later traced to Stephen Byers, Labour employmen

unions.

There was an is no secret plan to 'dump' unions. But today business people as well as employees are joining us. There is a process of evolution under way that is not about disowning our past but about refusing to live in it.

Tony Blair, yesterday

...or mainly for business?

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

Tony Blair's redefinition of socialism swept on yesterday, as he went to the heart of speculative capitalism in the City of London to embrace the profit

motive. ter off, but in a sustainable way.

"Sometimes our political opponents portray the Labour party as a bunch of kill-joys, always opposing tax cuts and in-creases in living standards. Nothing could be further from the truth. We want people to consume more. We want high quality public services. We want people to pay lower taxes," he

"But we want this for all our people - not simply a few at the top - and we want it on a sustainable basis."

In an address to the Liffe market, once regarded with intense suspicion on the left because its trading is essentially betting against future price changes, he continued his controversial drive to re-position Labour as equidistant between business and trade unions. In the past, he said, "the

Labour Party was portrayed as

representing one sectional in-terest and the Tory party another, while we appeared insufficiently aware of the importance of profit". But now, while denying a "se

cret plan to dump unions", he said that "business people as well as employees are joining

His address set out the four "Millennium Challenges" he saw facing Britain, and trailed a series of further speeches by leading shadow ministers on how a Labour government.

would attempt to meet them.

In short, the challenges were: how to make Britain better off: how to make Britain safe; how to make Britain accountable: and how to make Britain strong.

In meeting the first, Mr Blair said, Labour had moved on from the solutions of the past. He told his andience at the "Even if we wanted to do so, Guildhall that New Labour we could not today find a wanted to deliver "the good commanding height of the times", and make Britain betownership. Even if we wanted to do so, we could not find union and management groups able to implement a national pay pol-

icy," he said. But he said that the Conservatives had neglected important economic truths over the past 17 years. One was the need for long-term investment, which was "crucial to the sustained growth of living standards and asting reductions in taxation". Another was that "monopoly profits distort economic effi-

Mr Blair continued to play down expectations of a dramatic change of economic policy under Labour. There is no big bang way of transforming an economy for the better, but the cumulative effect of consistently good policy measures can be large," he said.

Earlier, Mr Blair had backed Kim Howells, Labour's junior trade spokesman, who caused a furore at the weekend by calling for the word "socialism" to be phased out. I agree absolutely that what we have got to be about is the best practical means to deliver a different type of society in Britain today that faces that modern world, that is based absolutely on our values but isn't tied to some outdated form of ideology," Mr Blair said on the BBC's Today programme.

Kim expressed this in his own inimitable style, but I think the kernel of his argument was

Ford worker had a better, wetter idea

STEVE BOGGAN

Two hundred workers at the Ford motor plant in Dagenham, Essex, are on strike in a row over a bag of urine.

The workers, who pack cars in kits for export outside Europe, walked out last Friday in support of a colleague who was. sacked for thrusting the urine.

According to workers at the plant, the sacked man, named

only as Norman, was angry when a foreman criticised his regular visits to the lavatory. usually with his favourite

tabloid in hand. "The foreman felt he had him up over it." said one of the man's colleagues. "He asked

man came out again with a plas-tic bag full of urine and slapped it down in front of the foreman and said: There, I told you I was

century Liberalism, what is?

going for a piss."

The man, understood to be gone once too often and picked in his forties, was sacked for gross misconduct but Transport and General Workers Union Norman where he thought he representatives called a meeting was going he had ony been 20 and asked workers at the KD minutes earlier – and Norman [Knock Down] Operations desaid: I'm going for a piss'. partment to stage an unofficial
"About 10 minutes later, Nor- walkout and to remain out of

work for a week. It is understood that in the ensuing show of hands, about a quarter of the men voted for the industrial action while the majority abstained. The vote was therefore carried and the men went home. Discussions were under way

TGWU yesterday. Ford confirmed that about 200 men were on strike and that production was likely to be

the soldiers "feel a tremen-

between management and the

Bishop resigns The Rt Rev Roderick Wright, the Roman Catholic Bishop who disappeared with a woman member of his flock, has resigned asking the Pope "for forgiveness".

Homeless crisis The number of young homeless people in Britain has risen to 250,000, with a marked increas in teenage girls leaving honje with nowhere to go.

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Bosnia judge condemns West

Exclusive

By Robert Fisk

A sombre and frustrated Judge Richard Goldstone, chief prosecutor of the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal on former Yugoslavia, has warned that Nato's failure to arrest indicted Serb war criminals Radovan Karadjic and Ratko Mladic could prove a fatal blow to this tribunal and to the future of international justice."

Speaking in his office in The Hague less than two weeks hefore he is due to step down as Chief Prosecutor, Mr Goldstone bitterly condemned what he called the West's "highly in-



appropriate and pusillaminous policy" of not apprehending the two indicted war criminals. who have been blamed for the mass murder of up to 8,000 Bosnian Muslim civilians in the UN "safe haven" of Srebrenica in July last year. In an interview with The In-

dependent as Bosnians prepared to go to the polls at the weekend, Mr Goldstone, the distinguished South African lawyer who for two years has led the UN prosecution into the most horrific war crimes perpetrated in Europe since the Second World War, spoke of his deep disappointment at the failure of Western leaders to order the arrest of the two wanted Serbs.

"They made absolutely clear to me ... that they weren't prepared to put their soldiers at risk," he said. "I have been asked ... how I would explain to a mother in Omaha, Nebraska. that her son was killed going to



I said I would explain it the same

way as I would if her son was a force and got killed or injured going to arrest a serial murderer." According to Mr Goldstone, his war crimes investigators have been sold by members of

dons frustration that they aren't able to go out and get these people". They would arrest Karadic and Mindic "tomorrow", the judge said, if they were given the orders to do so. "My great fear is that if we don't get a sub-stantial number of arrests of people we've indicted in the next month - I wouldn't like to put a figure on it. 12 months, 14 months, 18 months - I think it could be a fatal blow to this tribunal and to the future of international justice. It will show that international justice cannot work as we enter the 21st century, because there is no political will to make it work." Judge Goldstone has issued

74 arrest warrants since the member of the Omaha police court began work in The Hague force and got killed or injured go in 1994. Only seven of the accused are in custody.

The judge said the tribunal had been failed by the politicians who ve been responsible arrest a war criminal in Bosnia. the I-For forces in Bosnia that for what I regard as really a

highly inappropriate and pusil-lanimous policy in relation to arrests. Looking at it from the point of view of the victims, I get feelings of a great injustice that's been done to them. I mean, here is the international community that for the first time ever sets up an international war crimes tribunal. The victims must, many of them, have felt some sort of positive feelings ... the UN Security Council has given a stamp of approval and all countries are obliged to make arrests. And nothing happens!" Nato forces in Bosnia have

been ordered to arrest wanted war criminals if they see them - but not to seek them out or search for them. Mr Karadjic was reported last week to be visiting his elderly mother in Montenegro. General Mladic, chiefly responsible for the bloodbath in Srebrenica, is believed to be in his heavily quarded bunker in Serbian Bosnia

Section 2 HEALTH LISTINGS

Hogg urged to honour BSE cull SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

KATHERINE BUTLER

Britain can forget about ending the worldwide ban on its beef if it reneges on a deal with its European Union partners to slaughter over 140,000 cows at which committed it to a sweeprisk of developing BSE, the farm minister, Douglas Hogg, was ing BSE eradication programme in exchange for a step warned yesterday.

The rebuff to government plans to abandon the accelerated cattle cull was delivered in strident terms by the Irish EU presidency even before Eu-

After a one-to-one discussion with Mr Hogg, the Irish farm minister, Ivan Yates, who is chairing the two-day meeting, said he had warned Britain against going back on a deal struck in Florence last June

"The Florence agreement is the only workable solution. To depart from that would only make a bad situation virtually

cull is an integral part of what was agreed at Florence. To fail to honour that aspect would be to fail to honour the entire agreement with obvious consequences," Mr Yates said.

Echoing him, the European Commission President, Jacques Santer, said: "We don't need headlines every fortnigut. We need to stick to agreements by-step lifting of the beef exwe've already reached".

Armed with a new scientific study showing that BSE will die out by the year 2001 regardless of the slaughter programme, Mr

sat down to discuss the matter. impossible. The accelerated Hogg prepared yesterday to are banning British dairy produced After a one-to-one discussion. urge colleagues to review their to the policy of non-cooperation demands. He was careful to would however be "a last resort" avoid framing a clear proposal he admitted. for a cut in slaughter numbers But signs that Britain appears but told reporters: "There is no

ready to jettison the centrepiece cull policy which anybody reof its BSE eradication strategy motely suggests should be on the basis of new forecasts imadopted which will substantialpressed few. Spanish minister ly speed up the eradication of Loyola de Palaccio said her government wanted Britain to stick Mr Hogg suggested that othto the Florence agreement and er member states were failing to refer any new evidence to EU to honour their side of the Floscientists, while Germany's rence deal - France is restrict-Franz Josef Feiter warned that ing the import of British the situation in Germany was cosmetics, some German states

honest broker but said Britain in the interests of British agri-

beef already down by 40 per cent. Hundreds of German farmers protested in Brussels yesterday as the talks began. Mr Yates pledged to act as

would wreck its chances of an early end to the export ban if it tried to unravel the Florence pact. "Not to honour the accelerated cull would really tell British farmers that there is no short term prospect of getting the ban lifted at all That is not

London's pigeon problems come home to roost



NICHOLAS SCHOON **Environment Correspondent**

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The Government is considering a crack down on the pigeons in Trafal-gar Square, on the grounds that their droppings and their sheer numbers despoil one of London's most important

vants suggests that the vendor who sells seed for them in the square might have his licence withdrawn. Alternatively, anti-pigeon wire and spikes could be placed on surrounding roosting places: this has already been tried

elsewhere in London. "But ministers might judge we

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department. "After all, they are part of the square's attraction for many visitors, and the fact that seed is sold there means the birds are in better condition than in some other places."

The report considers the possibility of using a trained hawk to frighten them off, and of shooting and don't need to do anything about the poisoning them. But it points out that the public might be unhappy about a

major cull, and that it would be impossible to eliminate pigeons entirely from the square

Meanwhile the London Evening Standard, in a public-spirited gesture, has had ten pigeon corpses analysed by a laboratory in Norwich which found they harboured a rich variety of disease causing organisms, in-cluding those which cause food

poisoning, thrush and skin lesions. The laboratory also looked at the contents of the birds' digestive tracts. There they found the remains of Chinese takeaway food, bread and a small piece of plastic yellow carton from the McDonald's hamburger

Photograph: Sacha Lehrfreund

Public sector DVLA P-PREFIX SELECT REGISTRATIONS squeezed again ARE NOW AVAILABLE over pay rises

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Pay review bodies for five million public sector workers will be told today by the Chancellor that the Government is enforcing a pay squeeze for the fourth year in succession.

Kenneth Clarke's letter to the

pay review bodies covering nurses, doctors, teachers and civil servants is certain to cause an outcry in the wake of the MPs' decision to give themselves a pay rise of 26 per cent.

The nurses will table a demand next week for a "substantial pay increase, without setting a figure, to enable them to catch up with comparable groups, including teachers. The main public sector

union, Unison, representing .5 million workers, rejected the Chancellor's pay freeze strate-gy. "Yet again the Government expects low-paid public staff to bear the brunt of the cuts to pay for tax cuts in a last attempt to bribe the electorate in November," said a spokeswoman.

The Chancellor will tell the review bodies that pay rises must be paid for with productivity, but he will give a clear signal that he expects the public sector to squeezed more tightly than before, with running costs facing a cut of 12 per cent

over the next three years. Last year public sector pay rises averaged 2-3 per cent. and this year they were held to per cent, but with inflation down to 2.1 per cent Mr Clark wants to hold the public sector down below 3 per cent next year. The Chancellor shortly will



Kenneth Clarke: Signal that he expects a squeeze

chair the EDX committee of the Cabinet to settle the public spending levels for next year William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is finalising bids with ministers, to cut spending to make room for tax cuts in the Budget. An interview with the Chan-

gramme was attacked by Brian Mawhinney, Tory Party chairman, yesterday.

cellor on the BBC Today pro-

Dr Mawhinney protested to John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, for alleged bias over an interview with the Chancellor by Anna Ford in the BBC Today programme. Dr Mawhinney accused Ms

Ford of having "repeatedly in-terrupted the Chancellor", but he said James Naughtie, another presenter had treated Tony Blair, the Labour leader. "with kid gloves" in an interview a few minutes later. At the end of her interview, Ms Ford commented: "So you are not going to elevate the debate - thank you Mr Clarke."

Move to extend 20mph

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

Pressure for the extension of 20mph speed-limit zones is likely to increase after a report yesterday showed that they reduce accidents by 60 per cent. The RAC responded with a cautious welcome for extending the zones and called for "a review of all speed limits."

In a survey of the first 200 20mph zones around Britain, researchers at the Transport Research Laboratory found the number of accidents involving child pedestrians fell by 70 per cent and those involving child cyclists by a half.

Local authorities were first

given the right in December 1990 to apply to the Depart-ment of Transport permission to impose 20mph limit zones and there are now nearly 300. The councils must imple-

ment traffic-calming measures before imposing the speed limit and most zones have been installed in residential areas, though a few are in town centres. Previous research bas shown that while at 30mph nearly half of children hit by a car will die, at 20mph one in 20 will be killed.

The researchers found that overall speeds fell by just over 9mph in the new zones, showing that most motorists obeyed the limits, and that there was a 6 per cent drop in accidents for every Imph reduction in speed. The research also suggests that while traffic increased on nearby mads as people sought to avoid the 20mph zones, the ac-

A Catholic man was shot dead in a nationalist area of Belfast yesterday in an incident which was locally suspected to a be a republican "punishment" shooting. The man was killed in a house in the Markets area, a completely Catholic district not far from the city centre. He was repeatedly shot in the head and died instantly. A 13-yearold girl was said to have been present in the living room of

the house when the killing was carried out.

The man, who lived not far way, was visiting a friend's house when he was killed. He and his family are well-known in the district, his mother and sister living nearby. Although there was no immediate admission of responsibility for the murder, the general assumption of local people was that it looked like the work of some locally based republican grouping. Two men were seen running away from the rear of the house after the shooting.

The local parish priest, Canon Peter McCann, said: "It seems at this early stage to be quite clear that the people who carried out this murder did not come from very far away. It seems to come under the heading of the administration of capital punishment by people who have set themselves up as judge, jury and executioners." David McKittrick

cam grades that were too low in national tests in English for 14-year-olds this summer were awarded to 40 per cent of pupils at just one school, an exam board has decided. When Oxford School, an Oxford comprehensive, appealed against the marks awarded to 34 pupils, the Southern Examining Group upgraded them all. Eleven candidates went up from level 3 to 4, sinteen from level 4 to 5

and seven from level 5 to 6. The school said that its teachers were appalled by the standard of marking when the marked scripts were returned: they had not been marked consistently and a few students' papers had been marked by another examiner who had given much higher grades. A spokeswoman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority said: "The school seems to have a genuine grievance which is both unusual and unacceptable. If bad markers are identified they are not used again." Judith Judd

Fore than 400 postal strike activists from all over Britain meet today amid signs that the Royal Mail could face serious competition if the Government allows private operators to deliver letters from Friday. TNI, the international distribution company, announced plans to establish a service for businesses in the Midlands if Royal Mail's letters monopoly is suspended. The Post Office believes that other operations are being set up for the City of London, in Portsmouth and the Midlands towns of Chesterfield, Derby and Mansfield.

The Government has threatened to allow private companies to compete with official services for three months if the Communication Workers Union presses ahead with 24 hour strikes on Friday and Monday. The leadership believes that unless there is a change of mind, the CWU postal executive will tomorrow call further stoppages. The union's executive met John Monks, Trades Union Congress general secretary, yesterday to brief him on the dispute, but there were no signs of a breakthrough. Barria Clement

The Royal Family took its first tentative step towards modernising its role yesterday at one of its twice-yearly family conferences at Balmoral. But decisions on major issues such as the succession and royal marriages to Roman Catholics are likely to be taken only after lengthy deliberations, according to royal sources. While dubbed the "Way Ahead" summit, yesterday's gathering was largely taken up with the planning of forthcoming public engagements. More extensive discussions about the monarchy's future will come in later meetings. Patricia Wynn Davies

Scotland Yard's underwater search team have been moved to other duties while an investigation is carried out into allegation involving drinking on duty and expenses irregularities, it emerged yesterday. Divers from Essex and Thames Valley police forces have been covering for the eightmember Metropolitan squad since the beginning of August.

The allegations, which are denied, α drinking in a pub during a break from searching the docks next to site of the IRA South Quay bomb, east London, in February. There are also accusations concerning errors in some of the squad's expenses claims. The Yard's internal Complaints Investigation Bureau has been carrying out an investigation for the past six weeks. Jason Bennetto

erald Malone pledged that "video nasties" of NHS Geraid Maione preuges under for sale to the general operations will never be made for sale to the general public again. The Health minister was speaking shortly after the makers of a controversial video of surgeons working on NHS patients, banned by a High Court injunction vesterday,

claimed it will soon be back on shop shelves.

Department of Health officials issued a writ against IMC Videos over footage in Everyday Operations which was described as gruesome and intended to shock. Mr Malone said: "Such video nasties not only encroach on the confidentiality of NHS treatment and the doctor-patient relationship - they might also deter patients from seeking treatment." He said yesterday's decision by the court meant that the video could not be sold to the public. "The injunction is to be permanent," he added.

Tony Blair condemned one of his own back benchers last night for hosting the launch at the House of Commons of an autobiography by Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein. The Labour leader's attack on Jeremy Corbyn, the left wing Labour MP for Islington North, for giving Mr Adams a platform underlined his determination to impose stiffer discipline on Labour MPs.

"I condemn this event without reservation and totally dissociate the Labour Party from it," said the Labour leader. "Gerry Adams is not in any way associated with the Labour Party. He is opposed to the Labour Party's sister part in Northern Ireland and are are in a situation where the IRA has refused to call a ceasefire." Mr Blair's move followed anger from backbench MPs - principally Conservatives - at a loophole which enabled Mr Adams, as a former MP, to use the Commons for his book launch on Thursday provided a sitting MP booked a room. Colin Brown

The poet A E Housman gains a place in Poet's Corner today, 50 years after his death and a century after the publication of his poem collection A Shropshire Lad. The late Sir Kingsley Amis, Dame Iris Murdoch, Prof Seamus Heaney and Housman's most famous student Enoch Powell, are among those who lobbied for the honour for the poet. Their work bears fruit tomorrow when a memorial window is dedicated in Westminster Abbey, alongside memorials to Wordsworth, Shakespeare and other giants of literature. Powell will unveil the window and writer Alan Bennett will read some of his works at the service, which it is expected will be packed with members of the A E Housman society and

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Bishop of Muck comes clean over problems of celibacy

[¥]Cleric who disappeared with a woman resigns and asks the Pope for prayers and forgiveness

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Roman Catholic bishop who disappeared with a womanmember of his flock yesterday let it be known that he had resigned, asking the Pope for

forgiveness and your prayers". The Rt Rev Roderick Wright, 56. Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, has written to the Pope resigning his see and apologising for the distress he has brought to his people and to the family of Kathleen MacPhee, 40, the divorcee who disappeared with him, the Scottish Catholic Bishops' Office said yesterday. The couple's whereabouts is not

The Bishop, who dropped out of public view a week ago, met Cardinal Thomas Winning, the leader of the Catholic Church In Scotland on Sunday. "It was a very emotional meeting because he was very upset and I didn't think he realised the kind of trauma he put everyone else in,"the Cardinal said.

"He was very insistent on expressing his deep, deep sorrow and regret for the hurt he had caused by his sudden disap-

Archbishop Keith O'Brien, who has taken over the temporary running of Bishop Wright's

Bishop Wright said in a statement yesterday "I now wish time and privacy to reflect on my future as I await acceptance of my resignation as a bishop. I am spiritually and physically unable to sustain the responsibilities of

a Diocesan bishop."
The only really unusual thing about Bishop Wright, who also happens to include the isle of Muck in his diocese, is that he has turned out to be Bishop, and not Father or Monsignor Wrong. Compulsory celibacy has become more and more difficult to maintain in the modrn world. Around 100,000 priests have left the Roman Catholic church in the 30 years nce the Second Vatican Council ended in 1965. The difficulties of maintaining celibacy are thought to have been a major

factor in this loss of priests. Even the priests responsible for training other in the neces-sary disciplines and rewards of celibacy believe that the days of compulsory celibacy are numbered, at least for ordinary parish clergy. Mgr Jim O'Keefe, newly appointed president of Ushaw Seminary, said yesterday: "My own feeling is that it will change, but more slowly than people think. I think extremely unlikely to be any

of some kind of council." Celibacy has been a problem for the Church for almost as long as it has had a priesthood. The Eastern Orthodox churches permit their parish clergy to marry, but bishops must be celibate. St Augustine put away his concubine on becoming a Christian, but other great the ologians married — Martin Luther, in a double blow against celibacy, choosing a nun. Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop who divorced Henry VIII three times, married once.



Celibacy has been a problem for the church almost as long as it has had a priesthood

However, celibacy was re-established among the Catholic clergy during the counter-reit is only in the latter part of this century that it has become a really difficult problem. Dr Richard Sipe, a married former monk who has made a large scale study of celibacy, reckons that around 50 per cent of the priests in the deeloped world have fairly regular sexual relationships — and that elsewhere the proportion is somewhat higher. These figures are disputed, but no one

disputes the general picture. Pope John Paul II has set his

change without the equivalent ally accepted that something will be done once he is dead. Though all Catholics value the idea that some men are called to be celibate priests, it becomes harder and harder to find any who believe that all who are called to be priests are also au-tomatically called to be celibate.

In this country and in the US there are small but influential numbers of married Catholic priests who are ex-Anglicans. One, in Alabama, last year became the first divorced Catholic priest in the world. In the third world it is taken for granted that a large proportion of the parish clergy have families.

In the developed world the pressures are different and more subtle. Priests talk about two main factors. The first is that sex is a far more public and per-vasive factor than it used to be. Speaking at the weekend, Car-dinal Basil Hume said: "In our society's elevation of freedom of choice to the apparent exclusion of other values, and in its seemingly endless obsession with sex we are witnessing the peddling of unreal fantasies about what it is to human Far from reflecting experiences of genuine love and human intimacy [sex] seems to offer a fantasy in compensation for the lack of such experiences." Priests are not immune from

the temptation to such fantasies. In some ways they may be more vulnerable than the more experienced, as part of the changes in their role since the second Vatican Council. Mgr O'Keefe says Thirty years ago the job itself was far more clearly prescribed. Now it is much more open and far more demands are made on us. The uncertainty, the lack of clarity, the complexity of how we began to understand being a priests was a destabilising phenomenon in the lives of many men.

Like Dr Sipe, Mgr O'Keefe believes that there are three main attitudes to celibacy among the priesthood, though he says it is impossible to estimate what the proportions are tion. There are those, he says, who have the gift, and know they are called to celibacy. There are others who see celibacy as an integral part of being a priest, "though they might prefer not to"; and finally those who use celibacy as a way of escaping the difficulties of growing up as a sexual being. It is the third group I would feel most auxious about. That when the crunch comes, after seven or twenty five years, they break face against any weakening of out of the mould completely."



The Rt Rev Roderick Wright, who has apologised for the distress he has caused

Photograph: The Herald Glasgow increess is free.

A star John Major named

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Editor

> It is a tale of a distant sun and the terrestrial one: yesterday the Sun said that on the instigation of a constituent, John Major had spent £55 of his own to name a star for the children massacred in Dunblane, as "a comfort to the people of Dunblane in the years to come".

A touching story, except that John Major didn't spend any money and didn't get the star named. That was the work of Toni Coventry, 22, of Islington (not Huntingdon), who had the idea herself in March, and paid the registration fee to the International Star Registry (ISR), which duly renamed star H53165-535 in the constellation Cygnus the "Star of Dunblane".

Ms Coventry received the certificate from the ISR on 13 March and sent it to Dunblane primary school, where it has been framed and hung. She received a letter of thanks in

return Unsurprisingly, Ms Coventry was not inconsiderably annoyed yesterday that John Major, or his publicity machine in Wapping, appeared to be bask-ing in the reflected glow of ap-proval. "I feel a bit angry because it was me that first bought it," she said. "I didn't want publicity for it, but I have had to let everybody know now that it wasn't him."

The Sun's story was sparked off by a letter from Mr Major to a constituent, Geoffrey Bye, who had suggested the naming idea to him. In the letter of 21 August, Mr Major said: "As you can imagine, this was not an entirely straight forward matter to pursue. However, I am deighted to be able to tell you that a star has now been named 'Star of Dunblane' and the School has been sent a certificate of registration with a large astronomical chart pin-pointing its exact location."

Downing Street insisted that the attribution of the purchase to Mr Major was the result of a mix-up between departments. tronomers meanwhile were annoyed at the apparent legitimisation of ISR, which itself says that the naming service it offers has no official basis and is "primarily intended as a nov-

elty gift service". The official naming organisation, the International Astronomical Union, hardly ever puts a person's name to a star. But when it does, the naming

the discipline. But it is gener-Phil Shaw reflects on footballers' spirits - the ones found stacked behind the nightclub bar

It's a game of two halves, three pints of lager and four tequilas

The man from Loaded magazine had asked Saint and Greavsie to name the biggest influence on their careers. "Bill Shankly" was the reply from lan St John citing his old manager at Liverpool. Jimmy Greaves was equally ready with his answer. "Vladimir Smirnoff." For devotees of the bible of

laddishness, his response no doubt provided a laugh over the lagers. After all, as anyone ever beats alcoholism, Greaves seems to have managed it. Arguably the greatest goal-scorer English football has known, he is off the bottle and on the box. Behind the titters, though,

there lay a deeper-rooted problem. Far from being a one-off or, like George Best, a ruddyfaced relic of a boozier bygone era. Greaves has begun to look like the tip of the Carlsberg. On Saturday, Tony Adams,

who captained England during Euro 96, followed his Arsenal colleague, Paul Merson, by admitting his addiction. The image of an emotional Adams, splashed across the papers, was followed yesterday by an announcement that the Football Association is to conduct random breathalyser tests on every player in the professional game.

As moral panics go, it is hardly new. Barely three months have passed since the same papers reported a binge by England players on the flight from Hong Kong. When three of the squad were spotted in a night-club after the draw with Switzerland, The Sun's headline screamed: "England aces back









Paul Gascoigne, inevitably the centre of the Hong Kong accusations, made his point after scoring against Scotland. Lying on the Wembley turf, he allowed the England team to shower him with Lucozade, a selfmocking re-creation of the Tequila-fuelled "dentist's chair" episode in the Far East.

Gazza's indignation might have attracted greater sympathy had he not previously been involved in incidents in nightspots where he sought refreshment with his friend "Five Bellies". Graham Taylor, when England manager, talked euphemistically about Gascoigne's need to "re-fuel". As his club doctor at Lazio, in Rome, said: Beer in intrinsic to Paul's diet

in moderation it's OK." Jimmy Hill, in a previous incarnation as leader of the players' union, claimed 35 years ago that moderation was observed:

Quite a few footballers can knock back a pint or two, but

none are alcoholics." Nowadays, the link between football and alcohol is institutionalised. After every match the combatants raise a glass in the players' bar. In their leisure time, those not inclined to play golf have been known to spend some of their burgeoning salaries on slaking a thirst.

Several teams sport the names of brewers on their shirts, replicas of which are worn by children down to preschool age. And the question: "Will you be having a few drinks to celebrate?" is part of the rit-ual of the post-match interview.

At least that is the case in this country. British players joining Continental teams, especially in Italy and Spain, have found that the lifestyle they grew up with was abborred in their new cul-

heavy drinking among players back to the cynical, win-at-allcosts football of the Sixties (whether it is coincidence or not, the abolition of the maximum wage had given them unprecedented spending power). It helped relieve the pres-

One's On Me. Spurs' drinking school comprised mainly "pint-sinkers", Greaves recalled. Thilty years on they are downing spirits as Ron Atkinson noted when he said that there were several players who would like one competition re-named the Vod-

sure," he said in the book This

ka and Coca Cola Cup. Atkinson had problems dur-ing his managership of Aston Villa with Paul McGrath, a shy Irishman who drank to become gregarious. Among McGrath's contemporaries at Manchester United, Bryan Robson's self-the British Olympic team.

Greaves traced the advent of confessed lager consumption was legendary. But Robson, also an England captain, was not an alcoholic, and invariably led the way in training the morning after a skinful.

McGrath now abstains, having found happiness in a second marriage. Others have been less fortunate, Best being the most obvious example. It was said, only half in jest, that the introduction of all-day drinking in Scotland had led him to join Hibernian as his career went into free-fall. The experts do not agree. Dr

Richard Budgett, pressed about the intake of Gazza and company, warned that even two to three pints in an evening was "enough to cause problems [with rehydration]". The same day, Dr Ron Maugham argued that "a few beers" aided rehydration. Both experts work for



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Girls in despair swell rising young homeless

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The number of young homeless people in Britain has risen to "a despairing" 250,000, with a marked increase in teenage girls leaving home with nowhere to go, a report revealed

The result of the first attempt to quantify how many young people are on the streets, in squats or bed-and-breakfasts or on friends' floors, it said the problem was far greater than charities had feared. The problem affected young people from all backgrounds, even the most

privileged.

The independent study, commissioned by 10 charities including Barnardos, Shelter and Char, highlighted the number of homeless young people being driven to drug and alcohol addiction, prostitution and petty crime at the basest level of survival. The inquiry panel included experts in housing and social services and representatives of the police, the church

Andreas Whittam Smith, chairman of the inquiry and founder editor of The Independent, said an estimated 1 in 30 young people aged between 16 and 25 were homeless, a growing number in rural areas, and described it as "a very large and

despairing proportion". actually getting younger and the proportion of young homeless

On the street, where she lives: A young woman who is forced to live rough in London

health authorities will fund only

a cheaper version which carries

a higher risk of viral infection.

The tragedy of 1,200 haemophiliacs infected with

HIV from contaminated Factor

LIZ HUNT

who are women is also rising." he said, "It's a startlingly large problem and it's certainly one that's getting worse.

Their backgrounds are very The young homeless are diverse. They are not confined We are especially worried by the

long-term implications of homelessness ... it's all too easy once homeless to slide into a life of petty crime, drug or alcohol abuse. Many homeless young peo-

proportionate number came from, according to the report. Research at Birmingham University showed girls were more likely than boys to fall out ple had faced bullying, neglect, abuse and conflict in their Among the greatest prob-

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homes or in care, which a dis- lems facing young people when out jobs and jobs without they leave home with nowhere to go are changes in the benefits system; the lack of support for teenagers leaving local authority care; and the "Catch-22" situation in which they

are unable to find homes with-

combinant form should be used

for everybody, pointing out that it is cheaper here than in the the

The UK's use of recombinant

is between 4-10 per cent of all

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However, recombinant Pac-

with 50 per cent in Germany.

tor VIII costs 52p per unit compared with 20-28p per unit

rest of Europe.

date, has failed to move either this week publish guidelines the Department of Health, recommending that the re-

Haemophiliacs 'denied clotting agent'

The report, We don't choose to be homeless, which marked the start of youth homelessness week, included young people's accounts of why they had left care or family homes and what

es, Hepatitis A and parvo-virus, are resistant to all sterilisation

techniques in use, and there is

also the danger posed by virus-es yet to be identified.

Following inquiries by The In-

dependent this week, the Royal

Free Hospital in London an-

nounced that all haemophiliac

children in its care will now re-

ceive the recombinant form

because it is the "preferred

method of treatment and that

health authorities would be ex-

But Dr Paul Giangrande, di- instead.

Photograph: Tom Pilston happened to them when they

became homeless last year, in five locations across Britain. One said: "I was in care for three years and was put in nine different places - it did my head in." Another, who ended up on the streets in Cornwall, said: "I

Haemophilia Centre, the

largest in the country, says that

the situation nationally is seri-

ous for both haemophiliac

Dr Giangrande has managed

to persuade health authorities

to pay for recombinant Factor

VIII for all boys under 10 in his

care since April 1995, except for

reluctant to fund it, he said, and

adults and children.

was moved on by the police several times, but where do you go? They gave me no advice, just said I couldn't stay where I was." A young woman recalled "being asleep and waking up to find someone's hands down your trousers". The report will be presented

to the Government this week. Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat spokesman, yesterday supported its calls for improved benefits and provisions for young homeless people.

He said: "The figures are not only shocking for a country that calls itself civilised like Britain, but a real challenge. You

Where do you go? The police gave no advice but just said I couldn't stay where I was'

have to put youngsters from the age of 16 back in the welfare state again and they have to have easy access to safe places with no bu-reaucratic difficulty."

According to the inquiry panel, it would be considerably cheaper for the Government and turpayers to tackle home-lessness with improved benefits payments rather than bear the costs of thousands of young people having nowhere to live.

The report said there would be a saving of £2,400 for every homeless person. While the taxpayer foots a £1,700 bill over two years for a young person on benefit, that rises to £4,100 for provisions for homeless people who cannot get benefits and are dependent on extra back-up, and fall into crime and ill health.

services at the Haemophilia Society, said that health minis-

ters had so far ignored medical

advice and pressure from the

Society to make recombinant -Factor VIII universally available

to haemophiliaes. He said the decision to add VAT to the re-

combinant product was de-

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A spokesman for the De-

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promotion deal collapses Public Policy Editor

A potential deal under which National Health Service hospitals could promote the sale of private health insurance by Norwich Union Healthcare, Britain's third-biggest private medical insurer, was thrown in doubt yesterday by the De-partment of Health.

"NHS trusts should not align themselves with a single insurer," a departmental spokesman said. "Or promote their goods and services on hospital premises. The last thing we want is a big Norwich Union sign saying 'join here'. That would not be acceptable."

There was, however, nothing to prevent trusts working with a range of insurers, he added, but not in a way which would put patients under pressure to take out private cover.

The prospect of NHS hospitals actively promoting private medical insurance has been at-

tacked by the health workers' union Unison and was criticised esterday by Chris Smith,

Labour's health spokesman. NHS hospitals "should quite simply not be involved" in promoting private health insur-ance, he said, "Whether it is one insurer or many, there will inevitably be pressure on patients to opt for insurance. It flies in the face of everything the NHS stands for and must be

stopped immediately." The DoH's view - a matter almost certainly of guidance to NHS trusts, rather than any statutory bar on them agreeing to promote a particular product - may also lead to Norwich Union and other insurers going

cold on the deal. Tim Baker, Norwich Union's commercial director, said the company would not be looking for exclusivity in the sense that NHS pay-bed units and private wings would treat only patients covered by the company. But, he added, "a degree of marketing

needed to make it work". With trusts actively promot-ing Norwich Union's Trust Care policy - which provides cover only in NHS pay beds - local markets could be developed and more patients might over come the "guilt" some feel about private insurance if they knew the profits from their treatment was supporting their

local NHS hospital, he said. The NHS Trust Federation is looking for tie-ups with private insurers to offset the effect of Bupa, Britain's biggest health insurer, developing a policy which excludes patients from treatment in NHS pay beds - a move the federation says could cost trusts £50m in lost revenue over the next four years.

Industry analysts believe Bupa's move is a defensive one, attempting to raise occu-pancy in its own 29 hospitals and those of other private operators who have been losing market share to NHS pay heds.

Man in tears surrenders over Bondi Beach death

A man will appear in court in Sydney today charged with the murder of Brian Hagland, the Briton attacked by two men near Bondi Beach 10 days ago.

Police charged him after he

walked into the police station in the Sydney suburb of Bondi Beach yesterday afternoon. He arrived at the police station dressed in a dark suit and tie, accompanied by his mother and his solicitor.

The 22-year-old man wept and hugged his mother before entering the police station. Last week, three days after the attack, the man, who lives in the inner-Sydney suburb of Rushcutters Bay, about three miles from Bondi, also visited the police station with his solicitor. Leigh Johnson, but no charges were laid then. Mr Hagland. 28, was beaten

to death in the early hours of 7

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Brian Hagland: Killed after his fiancée's party

a street with his British girlfriend, Connie Casey, 25, after her farewell party at the Australian Trade Commission. where she worked. After the couple's working holiday in Australia, they had planned to become engaged in Tahiti before returning to Britain, where Mr Hagland had been September as he walked along due to resume his job as a Post

Office driver in London, Ms Johnson said after her client's arrest: "He maintains his innocence. It was at most a scuffle between two drunk men. He didn't kill anyone." Police also interviewed another man, aged 23, but had laid no charges against him late last night.

Detectives have rejected reports that Mr Hagland might have died as a result of injuries sustained when he and his assailants fell against a slow-moving bus. They said that a second post-mortem examination confirmed that he died from head and internal injuries.

His family is understood to be planning a funeral when his body. accompanied by

Casey, returns to Britain. Residents of Bondi Beach held a public meeting on Sunday to protest about the increasing violence at weekends in what had been one of Sydney's most peaceful areas. Police have increased patrols there since Mr Hagland's death.

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51 years late, Austria hands over its Nazi treasure

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Fifty-one years after the end of good at least will come out the Second World War, Chris- of it," Proceeds of the sale will tie's will next month auction more than 8,000 items, confis-cated from Jews by the Austrian both Jewish and non-Jewish National Socialists, on behalf of victims of the Holocaust and

remaining Jewish communities. their families. The Mauerbach Benefit Sale, so-named after the Austrian monastery in which the works lingered for almost 50 years, is the first international auction of restituted or "heirless" art and Hitler's planned museum in is expected to raise at least \$3.5m (£2m).

Examples were shown for includes paintings by old mas-ters such as Breughel, and (pic-or their families. tured right) The Oriental by
Friedrich von Amerling and a stored the loot in a monastery bust of Alexander the Great at Mauerbach, and successive from 3BC. These, and many unrecorded works, were handed to it to the Jewish community. the Federation of Austrian JewThose who did make a claim ish Communities following a often found their way blocked vote in the Austrian parliament last year. It ends years of to ownership. controversy over the Austrian Frank Zeller, first secretary government's delay in returning the works to descendants of the original owners.

No sale of this nature can go more than a few inches to rerighting the wrong which everyone, including the Austrians, acknowledge to be done," said Lord Hindlip, chairman of Christie's, which is holding the sale in Austria on a non-profit basis. "But if one takes a positive view of it, which I think one should do," he added, "it will

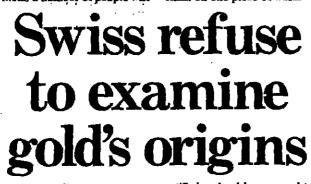
suffered most will benefit and I think that is our point ... some be overseen by an internation

Between 1938 and 1945 the National Socialists confiscated thousands of works of an, mainly from Jews. The most valuable pieces were put aside for Linz. After the war, works discovered by the Allies were handed over to the Austrian the first time at Christie's in government on the under-London yesterday. The property standing that they would be re-

> governments refused to return by exhaustive interrogation as

to the Austrian embassy, acknowledged at Christie's yesterday that the Austrian "Nobody can rewrite history. government had "not done enough and sometimes not the right thing" in relation to the delay experienced by victims of the Holocaust.

The Austrian government had finally acted "as an acknowledgement of moral re-sponsibility", but had been slowed by the complications involved in restitution such as cases where 18 people staked a mean a number of people who claim on one piece of work.



The Swiss government yesterday bowed to international pressure and announced plans to lift the secrecy surrounding search for Nazi gold.

Admitting that allegations that Switzerland has hoarded property stolen by the Nazis had seriously damaged his country's reputation, Flavio Cotti, Foreign Minister, said the draft degree intended to feed the investigation had been approved in all respects. But to the disap-pointment of Holocaust survivors, he appeared to back down from a thorough examination of what happened dur-ing and after the war by stressing that an agreement in 1946 had settled the issue of stolen gold and German assets

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"Switzerland is prepared to investigate this chapter of its more recent history once again, although the Swiss authorities previously looked closely into both of the question of the assets of Nazi victims as well as property from the former Nazi

Germany," Mr Cotti said. Claiming that the British media was conducting a campaign against Swiss banks and Switzerland itself, Mr Cotti went on: "The Federal Councils take these extremely grave accusations very seriously.

"Switzerland is accused by the public of having received the stolen property of the Nazi reich. We are asked to prove our moral guilt, which to some is al-ready established in any event. There is no doubt that these accusations have seriously damaged Switzerland's reputation. It is therefore all the more important to undertake the investigation of Switzerland's relationship as a financial cen-tre with the former Nazi Germany speedily." .

The decree suspending Swiss bankings' traditional secrecy will have to be confirmed by the Swiss parliament Banking in-spectors will then be given power to examine all the relevant

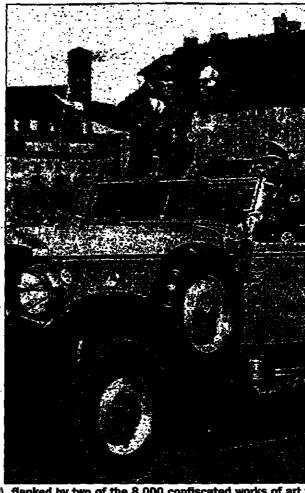
A delegation of Holocaust survivors accompanied Gre-ville Janner MP, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, when he met the Swiss chargé de affaires,

Robert Reich, yesterday.

After a lengthy meeting, Mr
Janner described the Swiss announcement as "most important", though some of those with him had reservations. Araeh Handier, 81, who

helped bring 10,000 Jewish chil-dren out of Germany in the Kindertransport programme, said he hoped the Swiss would now find a way to apply these funds to the "right purposes". But Martin and Ester Freidman, 72, who lost their families in the concentration camps, said they feared all the survivors would be dead before the money stored away could be of benefit to them. They are dragging it out now until we're old and dead," Mr Freidman said.







Spolls of war: Adolf Hitler in Vienna (Photograph: Wiener Library), flanked by two of the 8,000 confiscated works of art to be sold at Christie's on behalf of Jewish communities

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Inspectors are failing to implement new Government rules which aim to identify the worst teachers, headteachers com-

Since April inspectors have been required to grade teachers from one (best) to seven (worst) and to report those given the two bottom grades to the head.

Peter Miller, new president of the Secondary Heads Association, said inspectors appeared reluctant to give teachers grade six and seven.

"We are seeing a lot of teachers graded five." he said. "Quite possibly one of the reasons we are seeing a lot of grade fives is that inspectors are choosing to avoid the hassle, which is quite understandable." If inspectors wished to give

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teachers the worst grades, they had to watch extra lessons and tension increased during the inspection, he added.

Mr Miller said heads knew who the bad teachers were and

were undermined if inspectors failed to back them up in their efforts to deal with them. "If a head is trying to help a colleague who is clearly strug-gling, or even taking disciplinary

measures, and that teacher is not given a bad grade, the head is undermined. Inspectors also seemed unwilling to name the best teach-

ers, perhaps because they feared it would increase jealousy in the staffroom, he said. Mr Miller, deputy head of Wrenn School, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, said the new rules were misguided and would do more harm than good.

This is a distortion of the inspection process." Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, has said that 15,000 teachers are not up to the job.

A spokesman for the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) which Mr Woodhead heads said it was too early to decide yet whether the new system was working. "It goes without saying that we expect regis-tered inspectors to use the full range of the marking scheme and we take a dim view of teams who are failing to do so.

"Good leachers deserve to be identified and headteachers are entitled to the valuable management information which we said the system would yield. If it is not yielding that information, it is not doing the job it was intended to do."

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education, announced yesterday she was accepting recommendations from Ofsted that most schools should be inspected once every six years instead of every four years as at present. Weaker schools will be visited more often. Four teachers' unions yesterday called for a pay rise above inflation and average earnings and for a legal limit on class sizes. The four unions say in their submission to the

that they want a "substantial" increase. Inflation is running at 3 per cent and average earnings are expected to be up by 4.6 per cent by March next year. The unions want a class size limit of 30 with lower limits for mixed age, reception and practical classes. More than a mil-

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lion primary school children are in classes of more than 30. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers, National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, National Union of Teachers and Professional Association of Teachers, say that, outside teaching starting salaries for graduates have risen to £15,000 while for teachers the figures are £13,866 for good honours graduates and £12,342 for others.



Sea monster arises from the ruins

STEPHEN GOODWIN

The sea monster in Britain's biggest fountain should soon feel more at home as a £1.5m restoration project gets underway at Witley Court, near Jets of water 100ft high used

to play over the great stone fountain which depicts Perseus rescuing Andromeda from the depredations of the mythological monster. But over the decades since

the Witley Court mansion was devastated by fire in 1937 some said the pyrotechnic work of the butler - the Victorian garden has lost much of its glory and the fountains have dried up. This afternoon, Sir Jocelyn

Stevens, chairman of English Heritage which manages the property, will announce a £1.5m project to turn the clock back in the gardens by end of the millennium. The house itself will remain a romantic, if cared



Former glory: Display in better times Photograph: Poseidon Fountain Restoration Society

Witley Court was converted in the 19th century from a Jacobean manor house into a vast a Italian-baroque palace for the 1st Earl of Dudley. The equally elaborate gardens were the inspiration of the land-

scape architect William Nesfield who referred to it as his "monster work".

Created between 1854 and 1860, it was one of the most spectacular country house gardens in the land with clipped

box hedges, immaculate lawns

and colossal fountains. But the Dudley fortunes declined and at the time of the fire "the Court" was owned by Sir Herbert Smith, a Kidderminster carpet manufacturer. During

the 1950s and 60s, the house was stripped of all saleable material and came close to demolition. Guardianship passed to the Department of the Environment in 1972 and then, in 1984, to English Heritage, which has made the ruin safe and restored decorative stonework.

The Poseidon fountain, as it is known, though the god of the sea is only represented by his monster, is reputed to be the biggest in Europe. It has 140 jets, the most powerful of which spouts from the mouth of the

An observer writing in 1873 described the water rising to a height of 120 feet. This has not been matched since the fire. Some £120,000 will be spent on new pipes, a pumping system, and repairing stonework. A similar sum will be spent on a smaller fountain featuring the goddess Flora.

The omamental gardens will be reinstated and urns planted

Mothers forced to undergo surgery

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

A woman has no right to take her and her unborn child to destruction by refusing permission for her doctor to perform a cae-

sarean operation. That is the effect of a series of High Court rulings allowing the procedure to be carried out against a mother's will and showing the extent to which judges are now prepared to authorise non-consensual surgery in life or death cases.

The two most recent rulings, in July, have prompted a senior barrister to raise what she views as the unwarranted imposition of caesareans - which carry their own risks - on unrepresented mothers. Her protests will come at a childcare conference on Saturday convened by Positive Care in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, the feminist women's professional group.
In one of the July cases, a

woman known as W, who had a psychiatric history, repeatedly lenied she was pregnant on arrival in labour at a Norwich hospital. She had already had three caesareans and her obstetrician feared that if labour continued her old sears would open, endangering her and the foctus.
In the second case on the

same day in Rochdale, C's doctor believed her uterus was rupturing and that she and the baby would die. C. who had had a caesarean before but who eventually consented just prior to the issue of a court order, had insisted she would rather die than submit to another. Both women and their babies survived.

Barbara Hewson, vice-president of Association of Women Barristers, who will address the meeting, said: "Parliament has never authorised the forced detention of pregnant women for caesareans, nor... deemed that women in labour should be treat-

Bertie Leigh, who acted for Rochdale Healthcare Trust in C's case and whose firm Hempsons has set up a hotline to help other health authorities and trusts, said that in the rare cases where a woman's womb was at risk of rupturing, "doctors are characteristically appalled and do not know what to do."

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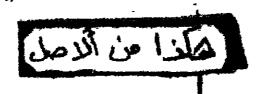
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knew about Conrad

Wrote some major works -Nostromo, The Secret Agent, Lord Jim - in a farm in

Described (ondon in The Secret Agent as "the cruel devourer of the world's light,

Regarded in his day as a populist, seafaring story-teller of sordid tales.

he had become deranged,

he would talk to characters

cemetery in Canterbury, despite being a profound sceptic all his life.

Cited as an influence on

Graham Greene, John le Carré and Martin Arnis and

the Unabomber suspect,

who copied characters in

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Classic Conrad goes to the movies

DAVID LISTER

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Joseph Conrad has been "discovered" by film makers and is set to follow Jane Austen as the next classic literary figure to be translated to the screen.

The contrast between Austen's comedies of manners and Conrad's stories of elemental passion is a stark one, but he remains one of the bestselling classic authors. A recent survey showed him selling 2,000 books a month, more than EM Forster and Anthony Trollope and not far behind Charlotte Bronte and George Eliot.

Having all but exhausted Austen's ocuvre, British film producers have proved quick to beat Hollywood in moving on to Conrad. His screen history so far has been variable. The 1965 version of Lord Jim with Peter O'Toole was a critical failure; Nic Roeg's cable television movie of Heart Of Darkness with John Malkovich last year also failed to make waves, although an earlier adaptation brought forward to the Vietnam War had huge success as Apocalypse Now. The British film director David Lean and scriptwriter Robert Bolt wanted to collaborate on a film of Nostromo. Neither lived to fulfill the ambition.

But film makers are determined to persevere. Audiences are about to see three of Conrad's tales in cinemas over the next few months, and a fourpart serial on the BBC.

Coming to the big screen are The Secret Agent starring Bob Hoskins and directed by Christopher Hampton, Victory starring William Dafoe and directed by Mark Peploe, and Amy Foster with Ian McKellen and Kathy Bates and directed by Beeban Kidron. The Secret Agent, produced by Norma Heyman, is financed by Twentieth Century Fox but made with a British creative team and is classed as a British film. Victory is produced by Jeremy Thomas at Recorded Pictures, while Amy Foster is the debut feature of Tapson Steel Films.

In addition, the BBC in coproduction with European broadcasters has Nostromo with an all-star cast including Albert Finney, Claudia Cardinale and Colin Firth - who famously played Mr Darcy in the BBC version of Austen's Pride And Prejudice. Nostromo is scheduled to come on screen next January. Although there are elements

Desivate



Epic storyteller: Joseph Conrad in 1923. Below, Rita Hayworth and Anthony Quinn in The Rover Photograph: Corbis



in Conrad which make him suited to screen adaptations, his style and subject matter also pose problems. Simon Perry, chief executive of British Screen which has helped to fund both Victory and Army Foster, is aware of this, "Contrad is very, very dif-

ficult for the screen because so much of his work is internal to the character and so little of it is external," he said. "So much of the strength of Conrad is characters' inner voices. The work is cerebral and internal

and only some of that survives

on screen. But some do work. Victory is an intimate epic. It is a love story as is Amy Foster."

Amy Foster, which describes the powerful romance between a servant girl and her immigrant lover, is currently being shot in Cornwall. Speaking on location from the top of a cliff yesterday, producer Charles Steel said: Amy Foster is only a 30-page novella, but it has passion and epic emotion. And the passion between the characters is mirrored in the landscape, the huge storms in nature. This visual connection in Conrad is very appealing to film makers, the

element of man against nature." The film has attracted nearly £2m of National Lottery finance, the biggest grant yet from lottery cash for a film.

Joseph Conrad spent the first half of his 67-year life acquiring the raw material for the books that filled the remainder. He was born in 1857 in the Polish Ukraine, then under Russian rule. His parents were both of landed-gentry stock, his father Apollo a literary figure and a passionate patriot who was banished

with his family to the Urals for insurrectionist behaviour. His Leading article, page 11 eg of 115 when de v eight, his father retreated into a mystic gloom and, though allowed back to Poland, died when Conrad was 11. The boy went to sea at 16 and spent his teenage years working on ships from Marseilles and smuggling guns into Spain. He came to England in 1878, sailed a coaster between Lowestoft and Newcastle, warmed to the place and joined the British Merchant Navy where he

worked for 16 years, sailing to Australia, South America, Africa, the Far East and the Mediterranean and learning to speak English (though he never became fluent). In 1886, he became a ships' master, changed his name and acquired British citizenship. His seafaring ambitions had been fuelled on the maritime

stories of Victor Hugo and Captain Marryat: now he was to join their company. Conrad's own (slightly disingenuous) reminiscence is that, while he was waiting on shore in 1889 to take on a new ship, the breakthan usual one morning and he started writing what became Almayer's Folly, based on his ex-

Thomas and Emma

Not deaf to ghosts yet not expecting them I paced the hill-rim's shadowy belvedere

At Shaftesbury, when from the abbey ruins An old thin voice pronounced, for me to hear:

'A levelled, levelling culture leaves no room For amorous or other compliment.

A voice returned: "The happiness alleged To have obtained between us never was,

Or else so seldom that a truthful culture

Rightly discounts hyperboles like yours. In the event I heard both voices falter. Hyperbole, analogy, allusion

Conspiratorial, conjugal collusion.

I took another turn along the grass And gravel of the rampart. Overhead

posed by living in a vexed age.

Build up what is no lie, although so wishful:

This, though unsettled, was a summer's day -

The boughs soughed something. It was not: 'Alas'.

Shortly before his death in 1995, Donald Davie broke a poetic silence which had stretched from 1988 and sent his publisher

a small body of poems. These have now been published by Michael Schmidt at Carcanet as Poems and Melpdramas. "It is clear," writes Schmidt, "that the Muse had not finished with Davie at all." In among tributes and farewells to old friends

and fellow poets, is a rich and complex body of work concerned with the sacred, the unseen and the philosophical dilemmas

Analogy and allusion are ruled out: Our happiness can have no monument.

By Donald Davie

Exile, a seafaring apprenticeship and gun running

John Walsh. Literary Editor, explores the influence of the author's early life

periences in the Malayan archipelago. It was only finished and published years later, in 1895, neys via the Congo. Thereafter he lived in London, married a typist and had two children. His novels are epic adventure

stories, underpinned by profound considerations of moral choices - like the single moment of cowardice in Lord Jim, when Jim abandons the Pama to its fate and later becomes a wandering would-be saint to expiate his guilt - or by notations of how faith, duty and goodness are inevitably corrupted by the darker tendencies of mankind.

"Those who read me," he wrote in A Personal Record. "know my conviction that the world, the temporal world, rests on a few, very simple ideas, so simple they must be as old as the hills. It rests notably ... on the idea of Fidelity".

When belief and idealism fail, he believed, the result was as disastrous for the individual as for the whole social fabric and you get the tribal extravagances of Heart of Darkness, where a progressive and formerly humane station manager called Kurtz becomes god-king in the Congo jungle, presiding over human sacrifice

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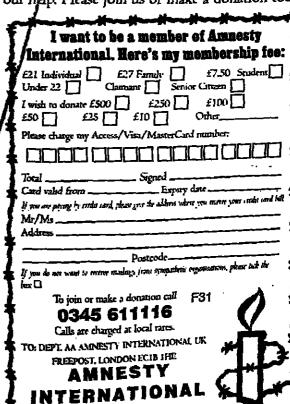
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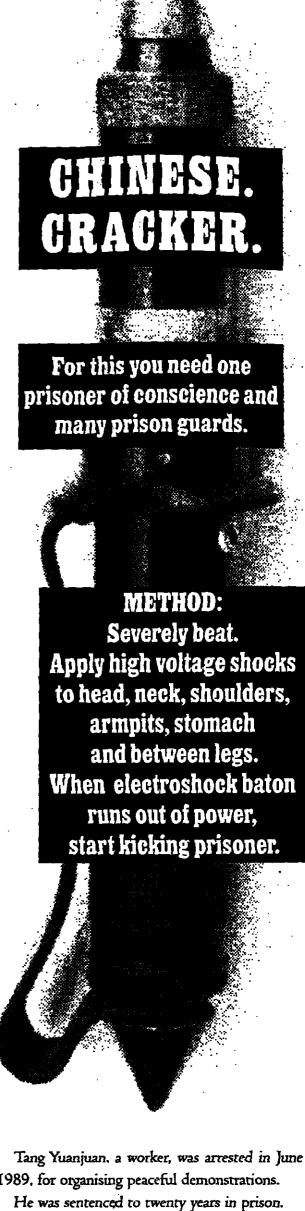
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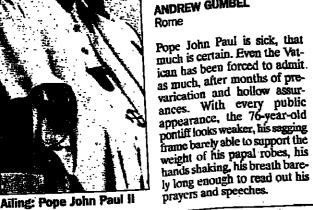
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Vatican dissembles over gravity of the Pope's illness

ANDREW GUMBEL



But the nature of what ails him is far from clear. Is it Parkinson's disease, an ob-struction of the bowel, or bone cancer? The rumours have been flying for mouths now, fuelled in part by the intransigence of Vatican officialdom, which until a few days ago was still in-

sisting that nothing was wrong. So poorly has the issue been handled that the Church now finds itself in the uncomfortable position of having all its pronouncements on the subject routinely disbelieved.

Over the weekend, a few an operation to treat it would days ahead of the Pope's latest not normally be deferred. The only concrete part of the comforeign trip, to France, a new anmuniqué is that the Pope will go nouncement sought to shed under the surgeon's knife for the new light on this darkest of corsixth time in 15 years, and that ners in Catholic public relations. sounds distinctly ominous for a All the Pope's health probman in his condition. lems, ran a communiqué from his doctors, were the result of

an inflamed appendix which would be removed some time before the end of this year. one of fin de regne," one Mon-signor told the Rome newspa-Reaction to this news has been as sceptical as ever. Apper La Repubblica last week. pendicitis does not begin to ex-In the absence of reliable bulplain his many symptoms, and

disease would explain the shaky "Maybe he'll soldier on and see in the new millennium as he

hands, slightly slurred speech and repealed falls that have caused fractures to the Pope's shoulder blade and hip. And it seems reasonable to suppose. some kind of abdominal trouble! The Pope had nearly a yard of injectine removed following the shooting in St Peter's Square that nearly killed him in hopes, but the atmosphere in Vatican is unmistakably 19814 and in 1992 surgeons removed a thenour the size of an orange from his bowel.

sudden attack of nausea. In August, another bout of abdominal pain prompted an emergency CAT scan.

What does all this mean? Ten days ago, the Vatican's spokesman, Joaquin Navarro Valls, referred to two "mystery bacteria" that doctors were trying to identify; now the talk is of appendicitis. Such official squirming is not a pretty sight, and does little honour to a

bles, still maintains a packed schedule of meetings and foreign trips - one to France this week and three more planned

Calcutta (Reuter) - Mother Teresa was rushed to hospital yesterday after suffering a fall at her Missionaries of Charity religious order in Calcutta and hurting her head, hospital officials and an aide said. She was taken to the intensive care cardiac unit at the Woodland Nursing Home, in Calcutta.

Bosnia elections: Errors and intimidation

Monitors call polls valid but carried out in 'hostile climate'

EMMA DALY Sarajevo

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As the first results from Bosnia's imperfect elections were flashed onto television screens at the \$1.2m (£780,000) media centre in Sarajevo, Ed van Thijn, head of the election monitoring mission, announced that his team would recommend the polls be accepted as valid - if the ruling Serb Democratic Party renounced its

separatist dream. In an unusual election report, Mr van Thijn praised the technical operations on polling day but denounced the hostile po-litical climate in which the vote

"In my opinion the elections were technically well prepared and carried out successfully under difficult circumstances, he said. "However, the general climate in which the elections took place was in some places below the minimum commitments" required by the organisers, the Organisation for ecurity and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

The monitors' report included examples of electoral irregularities, such as "family voting"—one person casting sev-eral ballots on behalf of the household - and some intimidation of voters.

But the biggest problems, affecting thousands of voters. were errors in the electoral register, which meant that many people were not allowed to

Most concern was expressed at the restrictions on freedom of the media, of movement and of expression in the run-up to the election, and Serb campaigning against the desire expressed in the Dayton agree-

ment for a united Bosnia. As a result, Mr van Thijn set as his condition for validating the elections a request that the ruling Serb party should agree in writing to change its constition and the platform of independence from Bosnia.

This sits somewhat at odds with early statements from the Serb-held half of the country, where the leadership openly campaigned for partition: First signs are that the Serbs overwhelmingly voted for Republika Srpska," Velibor Ostojic, deputy premier, said on

Mr van Thijn is therefore asking the party to renounce the



Keeping watch: An OSCE observer monitors count in the Serb town of Photograph: Reuters

single issue on which it won the

The request was seen by some observers as the strongest critical statement Mr van Thijn felt able to make, given that the West is unwilling to see the Dayton peace process falter three months before Nato's peace force is scheduled to leave Bosnia.

With results for the threeman presidency in from 22 of cd Bosnia.

the 109 municipalities, the three nationalist leaders were well ahead - as expected. Alija Izetbegovic of the SDA had won 82 per cent of the Muslim vote, Momcilo Krajisnik (SDS) 85 per cent of the Serb vote, and Kresimir Zubak (HDZ) 90 per cent of the

Croat vote. As one observer noted, the elections were seen by many as a continuation of the war by other means, the climate exploited by the three ruling nationalist parties.

The International Crisis Group, whose monitors worked under Mr van Thijn, issued a statement arguing that against a background of "adverse conditions, electoral engineering and disenfranchisement, these elections cannot be described as free, fair or

democratic". To some extent, Mr van Thiin agreed when asked to comment on the statement. "I didn't say that they were free and fair,"

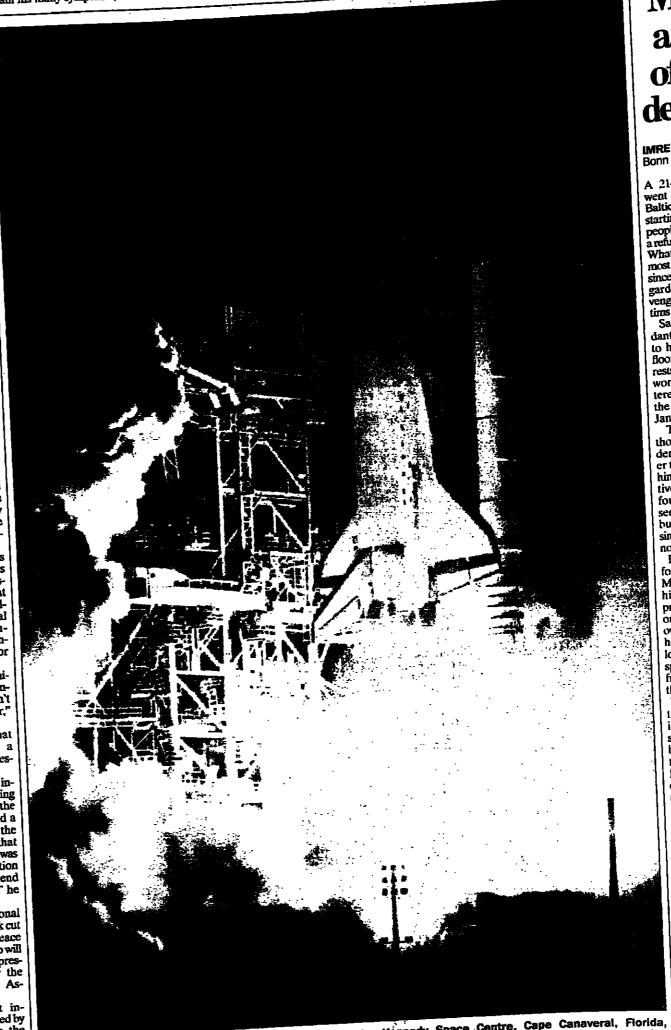
One Western diplomat commented: "That was a

Mr van Thijn denied this in-terpretation. "Before certifying the elections we knew that the conditions [in which to hold a fair vote] were absent, but the pragmatic decision was that having an imperfect election was better than having no election because that would be the end of the Dayton agreement," he

As it is, the international community now has its work cut out to try to push the peace process forward. A first step will be bringing the three new presidents to New York for the United Nations General As-

sembly.

Diplomats hope that international flattery, followed by hard cash, will persuade the new leaders - particularly the Serb and Croat members that their future lies in a unit-



Up and away: The space shuttle Atlantis lifts off at the Kennedy Space Centre, Cape Canaveral, Florida, yesterday. The six astronauts on board are to dock the shuttle with the Russian Mir space station and bring Photograph: Reuters astronaut Shannon Lucid Photograph: Reuters | thugs is unjustified. home astronaut Shannon Lucid

Migrant accused of hostel death fire

IMRE KARACS

A 21-year-old Lebanese man went on trial yesterday in the Baltic city of Lubeck accused of starting the blaze that killed 10 people and injured 38 others in a refugee hostel eight months ago. What seemed at the time as the most horrendous neo-Nazi attack since the war is now officially regarded as an act of petty vengeance, with one of the victims branded as the perpetrator. Safwan Eid, the sole defendant, is accused of setting fire to his neighbours on the first floor of the hostel. The evidence rests almost exclusively on three words he is alleged to have uttered in broken German during the rescue on the night of 18

January: "It was us." The fireman who heard him thought very little of the incident, until he told the story later to his colleagues, who urged him to go to the police. Detectives had been interviewing four neo-Nazi sympathisers seen running away from the burning house. Several had singed hair, but police could find no evidence against them.

For lack of a better lead the four youths were released, and Mr Eid arrested. Throughout his incarceration, he has protested his innocence, but his only alibi are members of his own family. Mr Eid's father says he heard a noise that night and looked out the window, and spotted the flames climbing from the entrance lobby on

the ground floor. The other families touched by the fire also believe Mr Eid is innocent. Immigrant groups staged demonstrations in Hamburg and Lübeck yesterday with the slogan "Price" Prominent liberals have set up committees in his defence, and anti-racist groups are screaming

about a cover-up.

The interpretation of events in Lübeck eight months ago has become a battle-ground for left and right. In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, Germany was swept with indignation. Politicians on the left, including Lübeck's mayor, Michael Boutellier, urged tough action against right-wing extremists and protection for immigrants. He had even called for a civil disobedience campaign to halt deportations.

The stakes in the trial are high. Either Germany is a country in which foreigners must fear for their lives, or, its image abroad as the home of rampant Nazi

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China's leaders-in-waiting vie for the world's approval Reform vs stability - Peking faces a plaints, including the fact that they have no legal redress against corrupt officials.

Peking — In the opaque world of Chinese domestic politics, factional jockeying normally takes place behind closed doors. So it has come as a surprise this month that two of China's senior leaders are presenting very different visions of the country's progress, especially as they have aired their views in advance of the annual Communist Party plenum next week. That meetng will address China's present challenges with a political campaign for "spiritual civilisation".

The two players in this theatre are President Jiang Zemin and Qiao Shi, chairman of China's National People's Congress (NPC) and the third most powerful figure in the leadership. Yesterday, as they both took centre-stage in the Great Hall of the People to launch the 96th gathering of the global Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), local diplomats were on the alert for evidence of friction between them.

The present saga started just under two weeks ago when Mr Qiao gave a rare interview to a foreign newspaper. Asked if there were some "leftists" who wanted to reverse the reforms, he told the German paper Handelshlatt: "Deng Xiaoping cor-rectly stated we are influenced by rightist factors, but even

stark choice, writes Teresa Poole

more deeply rooted leftist fac-tors. China should bewere of the rightist factors, but under all circumstances prevent the leftist factors." He admitted that there were often "clashes" hetween leaders when new laws were under discussion in the NPC. Mr Qiao is seen as one of China's reformers, despite being a

former head of party discipline. He again stressed that the role of the unelected NPC, which in practice functions as a rubber stamp, was to evolve into a body to promote the rule of law. A more powerful NPC would also provide a useful base for Mr Qiao in the event of leadership realignments following the death of 92-year-old Mr Deng. We must institutionalise our democracy and anchor it in law. We must make sure that the system and laws will not change because of a leadership change or because of changing opinions and changing interests of leading personalities," Mr Qiao told

the newspaper. For China-watchers, this was

Mr Jiang, as the heir apparent to Mr Deng, is staking his post of Chairman - for himse political future on a campaign for stability, even if this means appeasing "leftists". Thus, his rallying call has been to "talk It is widely reported that there would also be two position party vice chairmen, one for the retiring Prime Minister Li more about politics" and to Peng, and the other for Mr Peng, and the other for Mr Oiao. Such very high-leve positions must be decided in the autumn of 1997 at a full party congress, an event heat only once every five years. This congress is crucial becaused will set in place a leadership cam for the post-Deng era, a time when Mr Oiao is expected to be an launch an old-style campaign for "spiritual civilisation", a blend of nationalist, anti-Western and family-values propaganda. In contrast, Mr Qiao has stressed the need to push ahead with re-

forms, even on difficult issues such as state enterprises. Yesterday, two very different Mr Quao is expected to be an styles of politician again emimportant power-baker. erged. Mr Qiao told the IPU While Mr Qiao's aterview received scant attention in the
Chinese press, a two days later
Mr Jiang himself field forth to
the French newspiper Le Figure
in a set-piece which was plastered all over the official media,
"I can make it dear to all people who are following developments in China that China is
stable now aid will certainly
maintain a long-term stability."
he said. There were "no riots in
China's runk areas in the past
and there will be no riots in the While Mr Qiao's sterview rethat the NPC had "improved and strengthened the supervision" over China's administrative and judicial organs. Running the country "under the rule of law" would ensure the success of China's reforms.

Mr Jiang meanwhile was on the nationalist bandwagon, attacking "hegemonism and power polities" in the world. The best he could offer the world's parliamentarians was a proand there will be no riots in the future", houdded. In fact, peasnouncement that "the socialist democratic political system . . . presumed plan to restructure ant and worker unrest is on the the party and to recreate the rise throughout China as peo-

Rabbis tackle air hostesses

"Smoking or no-smoking, sir? Modest or immodest?" Booking an airline ticket to or from Israel may become a complex business if a group of ultra-Orthodox rabbis gets its way.
The rabbis petitioned airlines in Israel yesterday to provide

"modest" flights for religious Jews in which no movies would be shown and only male flight attendants would serve male passengers. The demand, published in several religious newspapers, may deepen tensions between

which have already produced pitched battles in the streets of Jerusalem this year. The rabbis, including the former chief Sephardic Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, warned that ultra-religious Jews would boy-

cott air travel unless their demands were met. They complained that inflight movies displayed "immodest images . . . in the face of a holy nation . . . This is a boly and sensitive call on airlines to arrange a possibility

of flying on their planes without breaking modesty or holiness." Under ultra-orthodox readings of Jewish law, it is

ness of others. It is also forbidden for men to be served by women other than their wives or daughters. The rabbis said that they would rule in the future which airlines, if any, were modest enough to accommodate their followers

The Israeli airline El Al already provides kosher meals and does not fly on the Sabbath. Its spokesman, Nachman Klieman, said that the company



El Al: Screens with a switch

made every effort to meet the requirements of the strictest interpretations of Jewish law. "When very well known rabbis fly with us, they are served only by male stewards," Mr.

Klieman said. He said the airline had no intention of banning all movies but he pointed out that advances in technology may soon solve the problem. On the new 747-100s, each passenger has a screen above the seat, which could be switched

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Exclusive: United Nations chief determined to stand for re-election in face of hostility from US

Boutros-Ghali the protector promises fight to bitter end

New York — Casting himself as the indispensable protector of an institution bled of funding and credibility by its own member states, Boutros Boutros-Ghali said he intends to fight to the bitter end for a second term as the Secretary General of the United Nations.

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Speaking to The Indepen deni on the eve of the 51st UN General Assembly, opening in New York today, Mr Boutros-Ghali lamented what he calls the "neo-provincialism" gripping many world governments.

He made plain, for the first time, his intention to defv efforts by America to ditch him when his term expires in December, setting the stage for a bloody and drawn-out battle both within the General Assembly and the Security Council. It is a struggle that, in the view even of many of his friends, risks further enfeebling the UN when it can least afford it.

Appearing vigorous and animated in spite of his 73 years, Mr Boutros-Ghali defended his record, citing his "successes", ranging from the establishment of peace in Salvador and Mozambique to the adoption of a zero-growth UN bud-get and the holding of a series of world conferences on issues such as poverty and the environment. The debacles of the last five years, including the UN's aborted mission in Bosnia, were ultimately the responsibility of member gov-ernments, he claimed.

Since the Clinton administration announced in June that it would veto a second Boutrosian foreign minister has adopted a low profile.

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ada to a race, a new race or an old face," he said. "The crisis began 20 years ago. And the cri-

By David Usborne

He told The Independent, however, that he bridled at the suggestion that by not offering to stand down when his first term ends on 31 December he was risking further damage to the UN. "If I was convinced by this I would not hesitate to leave," he said.

"On the contrary, I believe that my departure would create more problems for this institution. Because you need the contimuity at this particular period. We have begun a series of re-

'I believe my departure would create more problems for this institution

forms; it is important if not to achieve them completely - it is a continuous process - then to achieve at least a certain amount of them."

He also rejected the argument that after five difficult years, at the end of which the UN finds itself effectively bankrupt with \$2.9bn owed to it by delinquent member states (the US alone owes \$1.6bn), the organisation would benefit from a fresh face at the top.

"I don't believe that this is related to a face, a new face or an

sition period in which we are living than with the face of the Secretary General."

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Mr Boutros-Ghali, who throughout the interview in his 38th-floor sanctum atop the UN headquarters fiddled with a piece of tissue paper, rehearsed at length a theory that the world powers are struggling to cope simultaneously with establishing a new post-Cold War international order and adjusting to the new era of instant global information. In these circumstances, he said, governments have yet to define fully what the UN's new role should be.

He noted that a summit-level meeting of the Security Council convened by John Major, the British Prime Minister, in February 1992 coincided with a time of unprecedented confidence in the UN. "This organisation was at a peak and everyone was looking at the UN - the pendulum was extremely on one side. Now the pendulum is on the other side. This just proves that the international community don't know exactly what they want."

At the same time, he suggested many governments have taken their eye off world affairs. "You find this new-provincialism, neo-isolation. The great majority of the member states are not interested in international affairs. This is the real problem we face."

He acknowledged, however, that the member states were simultaneously battering the UN and its credibility by repeatedly using it as a scapegoat when international peace efforts go awry. Who is damaging the



UN?" he asked. "The member states. I am doing my best to de-fend the organisation, to explain how damaging it is for the or-ganisation (to be made into a

Mr Boutros-Ghali rejected accusations that he has not been strong enough in standing up for the UN when it has been given jobs beyond its capabili-

the contrary, that is why I have so many problems now, because I have been too ... independent." He insisted that ultimately he is the servant of ber states." the Security Council. "I have been firm very often, but once a decision is taken you have to carry it out. The UN has no

ty by the Security Council. "On UN has no infrastructure. We are borrowing everything from the member states so it would be useless to say no or not to obtain the agreement of the mem-

The UN floundered in Bosnia, he asserted, because it was asked to defend safe havens without the 34,000-strong force army, the UN has no money, the that he requested. (Eventually

the UN force numbered just over 7,000). The mistake was not only the number was not corresponding to the number we demanded, but that it took two years to get up to this number, and the soldiers came with very light armaments. It was a mistake ... of the international community.

Mr Boutros-Ghali flatly re-

Mysteries of Article 97

Criticised as byzantine and undemocratic in its secrecy, the procedure for oosing a United Nations Secretary General is an exercise in horse-trading at the highest levels of world diplomacy. Only the election of the Pope equals it

in mystery.
What is meant to happen is laid out briefly in Article 97 of the UN Charter. It says that the Gener-al Assembly will approve the appointment of a Secretary-General for a renew able five-year term. A single candidate must be recommended to the Assembly beforehand by the Security Council.

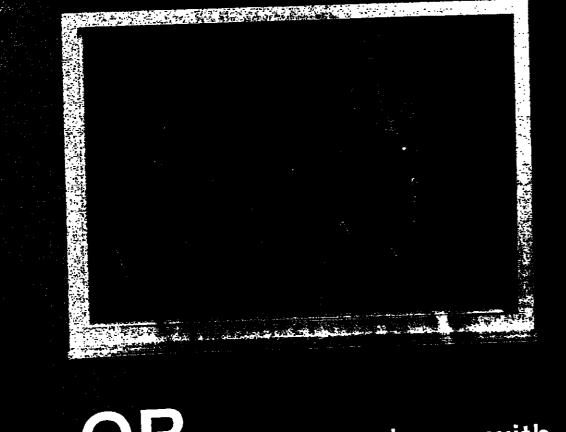
Boutros-Ghali's first term expires on 31 Decem ber. Thus the Council must soon debate the identity of the next Secretary General. Eventually, it will have to vote on whom to put for-ward to the Assembly.

Only the United States Russia, China, France and Britain can exercise a veto. the selection process if vetoed. Thus if the US blocks Mr Boutros-Ghali, his prospects must be bleak. (He would be the first Secretary-General not given a chance at a second term).

So far, there is only one other declared candidate: Hamid Algabid of Niger, a former head of the Organi sation of Islamic Conferences (IOC). Other names mentioned have included: Leticia Shahani, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, Gre Harlem
Philippines, Gre Harlem
Prime Minister, Mary
Robinson, President of Ireland, Sadako Ogafa, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and Kofi An-nan, a Ghanaian UN peacekeeping official.

fused to address, specifically, the prospect that while the US remains opposed to him his chances of winning are, in effect, zero. Of the justness of his cause, he has no doubts.

"I believe that we have to try to defend this organisation and contain this terrible crisis. I want to be re-elected to be able to continue the reform."



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Italian television and news agencies said Mr Necci had been arrested on Sunday on a warrant from magistrates in the north-west coastal town of La Spezia and was being held in jail there. News agencies said Mr Necci was being held on suspicion of offences which included criminal association, corruption, abuse of office, money laundering, false accounting, fraud and embezzlement. Reuter - Rome

The Gdansk Tax Office wants Poland's former president Lech Walesa to pay due taxes on \$1m, (£600,000) he received for the rights to a film about his life, according to newspaper reports. Mr Walesa has 30 days to pay up to 450,000 zlotys (£110,000) or appeal to a court, according to the reports.

Since his presidency ended on 22 December, Mr Walesa's bank accounts have been frozen by tax authorities investigating whether he owes taxes on \$1m he received from the Warner Bros movie studio in 1989. Mr Walesa said the decision was a part of political campaign and he did not intend to pay any money. AP - Warsaw

omania and Hungary signed a key treaty to end Conturies old disputes and boost the two ex-Communist countries' chances of joining Nato and the European Union. The prime ministers of Romania and Hungary, Nicolae Vacaroiu and Gyula Horn, signed the pact in the western city of Timisoara, in the presence of Romania's President Ion Iliescu. Reuter - Timisoara

ashmiri militants attacked polling stations and pro-testers mounted a state-wide strike as India's troubled Jammu and Kashmir state held the second phase of crucial local elections. Security officials reported at least five blasts, including two grenade attacks, in the separatist stronghold of Anantnag town, 35 miles south of Srinagar. Three paramilitary troopers were wounded in one of the grenade attacks. The state is holding its first assembly elections since 1987. Reuter - Ananthag

The Swiss cabinet backed the slaughter of up to 230,000 cattle to eliminate the threat of mad cow disease. Switzerland trails only Britain in the number of cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), or "mad cow disease", the disease scientists say may be linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans. Reuter - Berne

constables died after running in a five mile crosscountry race in the midday heat, officials in the eastern state of Orissa said. About 450 youths were selected to take part in the gruelling race. The runners may have died from dehydration due to soaring temperatures and high humidity. Reuter - Ubaneswar

Australia's Anti-Slavery Society said there were up to 35,000 religious slaves in West Africa, with some girls as young as eight forced to perform sexual acts for holy men to appease traditional gods. The report said the girls were the modern version of religious slaves formerly offered as human sacrifices. It estimated there were 29,00 to 35,000 fetish slaves in the region. Reuter - Sydney

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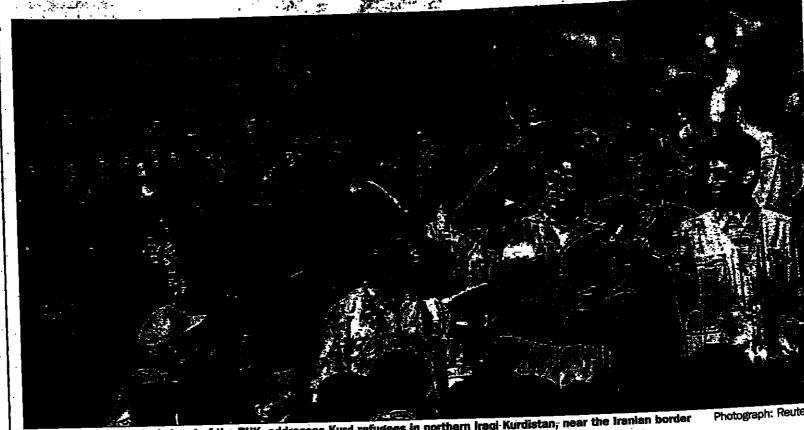
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Kurds' peace and unity takes Saddam by surprise



Jalal Talabani (gesturing), head of the PUK, addresses Kurd refugees in northern Iraqi Kurdistan, near the Iranian border Rout of PUK: 'They were defeated in their hearts, in their souls'

PATRICK COCKBURN Arbil, northern Iraq

"I was surprised. Everybody was surprised," says Massoud Barzani, the Kurdish leader, when asked about the speed of his victory over the rival Pa-triotic Union of Kurdistan. Quite suddenly the Kurdish civil war is over and Iraqi Kurdistan is united under one Kurdish party for the first time in history.

It is not an outcome anybody expected, least of all Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, who probably calculated that by sending his tanks into Arbil, the Kurdish capital, two weeks ago, he would save Mr Barzani from defeat and keep the civil war go-ing. This would have enabled him to be the ultimate power broker in Kurdistan, gradually increasing his influence by playing the two Kurdish parties against each other.

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is now only one Kurdish leader and party left. Driving through Kurdish village there is scarcely a tumble-down hut which has not sprouted the yellow flag of the victorious Kurdistan Democratic Party KDP. Equally telling, the price of a Kalashnikov machine gun in the market has more than halved to between 300 and 400 Iraqi dinars (£8 to £10) since the beginning of the month as thousands of PUK militiamen try to get rid of their weapons.

Even after the fall of Arbil on on 31 August, there was no rea-son why Jalahai Talabani's PUK forces, still holding the city of Sulaimaniyah and many other towns and villages, should not have fought on. "They held positions from which they could have held us off by throwing rocks," said one KDF member. Overall, Mr Barzani, told The

month is that, to the surprise of Independent in an interview, all, this did not happen. There his forces lost 150 dead and 500 wounded in the war.

The main reason for the rout was that the PUK, desperate for the West to help it with air power after the loss of Arbil, announced on its radio and television that the Iraqi army was pouring into Kurdistan. Such is the terror of Saddam Hussein's name among Kurds, that, as in 1991, they broke and fled. Mukhtar, a KDP a pesh merga (soldier), who fought at Degala, where the PUK failed to blow up a strategic bridge on the road from Arbil to Su-laimaniyah, said: "They were defeated in their hearts, in their souls. They were throwing away

their weapons." Not everybody is quite convinced that this will last. A foreign observer in Arbil, who has been in the country for the whole of the civil war, said: "Is it likely that the PUK and Tal-Kuwait to play host to additional US troops

abani, who have succeeded in Day after day, PUK members fighting for many years, will give us just like that?" But most Kurds, soldiers and civilians alike, believe that a come-back by the defeated party will be very difficult. War-weariness is great. Of the chances of re-

Iranians are equipping them." The pesh merga close to the Iranian border agree. At Khasre, a pretty village beveen mountains, a local KDP leader called Zrar said his forces lost 23 dead failing to hold back the PUK supported by Iranian artillery fire last month. Their position became even more dire when one of

newed warfare with the PUK.

Mr Barzani says: "If anything

happens it will be because the

their officers, changed sides with 100 men. Shaking his head in wonderment, Zrar said: "After the fall of Arbil we were able to take our positions driving our cars.

are giving up their weapons and surrendering. I don't believe they will be able to send a group over here for a year." In the vast Kurdish mountains small groups of guerrillas

can survive and fight, but to do so requires high morale and resolution. The word pesh marga means literally "those who face death", but the last month has shown that many recruits, paid 1,000 dinars (£22) a month, often six months in arrears, have no intention of getting killed for a warlord on the losing side.

This is not to say that all 3.5 million Kurds, including KDP members, are not deeply shaken by Mr Barzani's alliance. however brief and tactical, with Saddam. But so long as Iraqi troops do not enter Kurdistan and Mr Barzani can provide peace and better living conditions, the majority of Kurds are likely to support him.

gered by Turkish dealings with Israel, His worst miscalculation

was over Iran, the first country

he visited as prime minister. At

the weekend, PKK attacks

launched from Iran left 13

has been confused by unpre-

dictable events. It is frustrated

the UN-monitored oil-for-food

deal has not gone through. since it wants a restoration of

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was its second most important

An ex-envoy, Sukru Elekdag,

said some aspects of the re-

alignment in north Iraq suited

Turkey, as it means restoration

of the territorial unity of Iraq

and an end to any dreams of an

independent Kurdish state.

But it has not all been bad,

Like other countries, Turkey

Turkish soldiers dead.

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Wooden flounders as Clinton races on

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

Pity poor Bob Dole in his chase to recapture the White House for the Republicans this autumn. Both by the gods and by Bill Clinton, he is outmanoeuvred at every turn.

He offers a risky 15-per-cent tax cut to revive a sinking econonly. Except that the economy, little thanks to the White House, now is its strongest in decades. He planned to berate his opponent's failure to implement welfare reform - only to see Mr Clinton last month sign, and claim credit for, a largely Republican welfare bill.

Yesterday the pattern seemed to repeat itself. Turning to crime and drugs in his search for an issue to reinvigorate his candidacy, Mr Dole delivered a major speech in Philadelphia in which he wowed to double federal spending on prison building, stiffen sentences for violent criminals and force offenders to pay compensation to their victims.

Deftly, he linked a supposed lack of "character" among the President and his circle of younger White House aides with the surge in teenage drug abuse since Mr Clinton came to power, lambasting the "winkand-nod policies of this Administration, which he accused of operating a "liberal living laboratory of Teniency.

Normally such rhetoricwould underline the Republicans' chosen image of tough on crime, law-and-order party, which served them so well through the 1970s and 1980s. No longer however. At the very moment Mr Dole was declaring war on the criminal classes in Philadelphia, Mr Clinton was 600 miles away in Cincinnati, collecting the coveted endorsement of ... the National Fraternal Order of

Never has a Democrat won the backing of the country's largest police organisation. But crime is another issue Mr Clinton has stolen from his foes. The Republicans may huff and puff, his campaign insists, but their candidate has delivered, by sponsoring laws banning various assault weapons and putting tens of thousands of new police officers on the streets. Both measures, notes the Clinton camp, were opposed by Mr

What is more, the White House can brandish statistics showing that in most categories, with the glaring exception of drug use among the young, serious crime has begun to recede not least the murder rate in many big cities, led by New York. And the public seems to be buying the argument.

Nothing more clearly bespeaks the current state of the electoral contest than the candidates' travels.

While the Dole campaign is forced to waste its most precious resources - money and its candidate's time - in places like Virginia and Florida, normally blue-chip Republican strongholds but this year tossups, Mr Clinton has the luxury of carrying the battle into states where Democrats usually do not

have a prayer. Arizona, for instance, has voted Republican in every election since 1948, but Mr Clinton spent a day in the state last week, buoyed by polls showing he has a fighting chance of car-rying it in November. He is neck and neck with Mr Dole in Texas, and ahead in Indiana which last went Democrat in

Such are the local details of a national race in which Mr Clinton holds a lead of be-

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HUGH POPE

There were gifts and fine words for William Perry, US Defense Secretary, here yesterday but a snub from Necmettin Erbakan, the new pro-Islamic Prime Minister, showed how confused the Middle East policy of Turkey, a Nato member, has become.

Ankara was juggling several balls as Mr Perry breakfasted

with Tansu Ciller, the Foreign Minister, chatted with President Sulcyman Demirel and accepted a presentation plate from the chief of general staff. If a substantive proposal of

action against Iraq was canvassed during Mr Perry's meet-ings in Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Britain, it did not leak out in Ankara. Diplomats privately doubted there was one.

Officials said he did not even raise the possibility of using In-cirlik airbase, southern Turkey, for a strike on Iraq. Like Sau-di Arabia and Jordan, Turkey had made clear it would not offer its use during the first round of US cruise-missile attacks.

There has been a hig change in Turkey's political climate since the enthusiastic support for US policy under the late president Turgut Ozal during the Gulf war. Asked for a morn-

Perry: Snubbed by the pro-Islamic Prime Minister

day home until the afternoon. He has remained silent on the crisis that has followed Baghdad's intervention on the side of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) in northern Iraq. One reason is that Mr Er-

balam has been consistently pro-tragi. Since coming to power in July, he has preferred to duck any issue that might bring him into conflict with the pro-US armed forces. Another reason for his reticence may be that he is embarrassed by setbacks to his vision of friendship with Turkey's Muslim neighbours. None of his overtures to Iraq, Iran, Libya or Syria has had the

effect he hoped for. Relations with Baghdad have improved but the Iraqis rejected proposals for a security zone ing meeting yesterday by the hard-pressed Mr Persy, Mr Erbakan replied that he could not return from his weekend holi-

Turkey rejects human rights ruling

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"Since the case was pro-ceeded with a Strasbourg without first exhiustion of domestic means and without applica-°_r

Ankara (Reuter) Ankara yesterday rejected the European Court of Human Rights' condemnation of Eurkey for its army's tactic in the fight against Kuralish separatist condemnation of Turkey, the court ruled that Turkey had violated the European Convention on Human Rights because its forces had destroyed Kelekci village in the south-east of the



tion to the independent Turk- country in 1992 and 1993.

the leader page

This billionaire could do democracy a favour

or Jimmy Goldsmith let us give thanks. His party, his network and his views are in a second to the second than the second to the his views are in revolt; and in part, revolting. We would be mortified if he had a chance of winning power in the next election. But he has one big thing on his side: the central tenet of the Referendum Party, no matter how objectionable its real agenda may be, is correct. There should be a referendum before Britain embraces a single currency.

Ever since the billionaire set up his Euro-sceptic party, the Tory establishment has been seething. Goldsmith's views on Europe are not, for them, the problem; a large proportion of the cur-rent crop of Conservative MPs (and even more of the new candidates) agree with him that a federal European Union is the great threat of our times. No, Sir James's offence has been to operate loudly and effectively against the Tory party. Candidates are to be fielded against Europhile Conservatives, especially those with small majorities, threatening marginal seats and pressurising wavering Conservatives to move to the right. Until John Major intervened. Sir James was even providing Euro-sceptics in the Conservative party with funding to agitate against the leadership line. No wonder so many Tory MPs hate him.

So we have a curious phenomenon: a right-wing, protectionist plutocrat, reviled by our MPs, claiming to defend democracy against them.

Up to a point he is right. To the extent that Goldsmith is supporting a referendum of the people against the paternalism of the Conservative establishment, his is a worthwhile crusade. Many voters will sympathise with his populist demand that the people should make decisions over sovereignty, rather than "a bunch of clapped out politicians".

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Moreover, joining a single currency is exactly the kind of issue on which the public should be directly consulted. Whether we are excluded from the European economic mainstream while the French and Germans embrace curreacy union without us, or we give up control of monetary policy to a European central bank, the implications for our prosperity and our freedom to manoeuvre will be considerable. Either path will be fraught with risk, so our government needs to be backed by democratic consent before it sets out. But let us be honest about Mr Gold-

smith. His party is hardly the political wing of the Demos think-tank, campaigning to take democracy closer to the people. Catch Sir Jimmy campaigning for Scottish devolution, city mayors, or citizens' juries? Sadly not. The Referendum Party wants a referendum simply because members think that on this subject the British people will vote no. You can bet Goldsmith's party would be quick to change its name if the majority sentiment in the country started to swing in favour of the euro.



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The truth is that Sir James and his pals are not just anti-euro, they are antianything to do with the European Commission. Yesterday, Sir James claimed that the EC was spreading "propaganda to put people to sleep so that this nation ceases to be a nation". His manifesto includes demands for an emasculated EC and Court of Justice. Pailing this, Sir James thinks that Britain should withdraw from the EU altogether - a prospect which would be extremely damaging for British business and the British economy.

But Europe gets off lightly in Sir James's book compared with the rest of

the world. The one consistent theme in his statements and writings is his obsession with protectionism. Only barriers to free trade, according to Goldsmithspeak, can prevent us being overrum by the tiger economies. But while trade barriers might, at a push, protect a few of Sir James's billions, the limits on trade would hurt British consumers and make our businesses and workforce less competitive and prosperous in the long term.

Of course the Referendum Party will not win power in the next election. Sir James is not about to sweep into Number 10, change the curtains and wreak havoc with Britain's European rela-

tionships. But what he might do is push the Conservative party dangerously to the anti-European right.

On the way, however, he and his cronies could do us a small service. It is no accident that Sir James has chosen to stand against the deeply unpop-ular David Mellor. The former Heritage Secretary-he of toe-sucking fame, who left his wife for another set of toes entirely - cheerfully devotes his parliamentary time to money-making in broadcasting and mysterious consultancies. Paradoxically, Sir James's chal-lenge could cost Mellor his majority,

and let the Labour candidate in instead. But if we are lucky, Sir James and his party could prove the vehicle for a more important democratic change than ridding Westminster of a smug MP. Maybe the main parties will be shamed by Sir James into embracing referendums themselves. Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats should recognise the value of direct questions to the public, especially on issues as important as Europe. In a mature democracy, voters should be given the opportunity to engage in the public debate and par-ticipate in decision-making.

As for those pro-Europeans who fear that the public will vote against either a single currency or even continued membership of the European Union; they should have more faith in their own persuasive powers and in voters ability to make wise judgements. Until

a referendum to gain legitimacy for a fiercely anti-European programme, whose elements and rhetoric border on xenophobia. Sir James may not be a reliable champion of democracy himself, but he may prove the vehicle for democratising our mainstream political parties.

Riches brought from afar

The new TV life of Cecil Rhodes which seems, amazingly, to be both politically correct in modern terms and spectful to the great imperialist - has the young diamond digger standing on a Kimberley hill exulting in his pride as an Englishman. Let those who care about. this country look to a near contemporary of his for a better focus of national pride. That is Joseph Conrad, who has suddenly been discovered by film makers. That Polish Conrad - self-taught in English - could win fame and fortune as a novelist may say something about the adaptability of English. It certainly says something about the great gains that flow from open-hand-edness towards foreigners. Conrad may turn out to be a great screen writer. In the meantime he should certainly be required reading for home secretaries of all parties and nationalists of all hues.

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Don't ignore costs of a bigger Nato

Sir: Further to Tony Barber's and Christopher Bellamy's articles on Nato and European Union enlargement (13 September), the possible combined costs of the concurrent expansions of the EU and Nato for all those concerned existing members and would-be members - are still unknown, and therefore undiscussed. The US ambassador to Nato,

Robert Hunter, did not deal with costs in his (generally upbeat) address on Nato enlargement at the Royal United Services Institute, to which your correspondents refer - though the matter was raised in discussion. But surely the costs of these expansions must now be central to our plans for each of them. There are some US estimates for

Nato enlargement - from the Rand Corporation (a Washington defence think-tank) and the US congressional Budget Office - but the British government, despite its usual concern for "value for money", claims ignorance.
Yet any enlargement of Nato will

require parliamentary approval throughout the existing membership (including two-thirds approval in the US Senate) and certainly the immediate and longterm costs will figure importantly for all of us.

With Nato, there are the still unresolved questions - siting nuclear weapons on East European members' soil, for instance: does the Non-Proliferation Treaty allow it? And about Article 5, which promises equality for all in what Tony Barber calls the "cast-iron security guarantee": how many more states can we sensibly offer this to, and how?

And what is to be Nato's relationship with the all-Europe organisation for co-operation and security in Europe (OSCE)to which, in some sort, Nato must be subordinated, despite the United States' "leadership" role in Nato and its only equal role in OSCE?

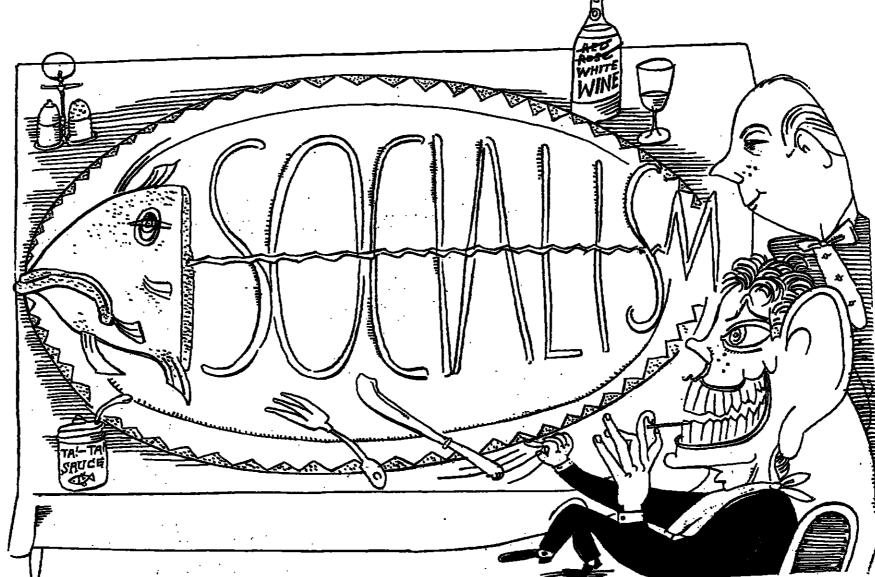
It is sometimes said that Nato and the EU, though both living in Brussels, are like "ships that pass in the night". OSCE is another ship out there in the dark, and all this multilateral non-communication grows increasingly absurd, increasingly confusing, and probably increasingly expensive. ELIZABETH YOUNG London W2

The blame for gambling fever

Sir. The fact that an increase in gambling facilities inevitably leads to an increased incidence of disorder resulting from excessive gambling ("Britain's 1.5 million problem punters", 13 September)
has been known for a long time. In a number of papers in the 1970s based oh clinical cases, I drew attention to this sequence of events.

The long-term results of the treatment of excessive gambling are not very encouraging. As in the case of alcohol, if one is to influence those who gamble excessively it is necessary for the whole population to shift to lower levels of participation, with a policy encouraging moderation.

In the present circumstances, where gambling is being actively encouraged, the offer of treatment can become a device whereby the authorities attempt to avoid responsibility for ensuring correct



public policies. Ultimately, prevention is better than cure.

DE MORAN Chairman The National Council on Gambling

London N14

Saddam's Iranian mercenaries

Sir: Hossein Mir Abedeni (letter, 7 September) denies that forces of the People's Mujahedin of Iran were involved in the recent fighting at Arbil and adds that "for years the Iranian Resistance has emphasised that in no way has it or will it ever get involved in Iraq's

internal affairs". The People's Mujahedin of Iran has a history of conflict and rivalry with Kurds opposed to the Baathist regime in Baghdad, especially the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan led by Jalal Talahani.

As a former member of the People's Mujahedin, I can testify that immediately after the second Gulf war (March 1991), the Mujahedin military force, which is entirely funded and equipped by the regime of Saddam Hussein, went into action against rebellious Kurds alongside the Iraqi Republican Guards. On 14 March 1991, a sizeable Mujahedin force attacked PUK forces near the town of Koi Sanjaq, razing nearby villages to the ground and killing many civilians. Maryam Rajavi, joint leader of the Mujahedin, ssued a communiqué ordering Muiahedin troops to "run over" fleeing Kurds with their tanks. In May 1993, a Mujahedin platoon infiltrated the outskirts of Sulaymaniyah and seized 13 PUK

peshmergas. These peshmergas

were then handed over to the Iraqi Mukhabarat secret police. Their fate is unknown.

It is evident that since the Mujahedin presence in Iraq is dependent on the survival of the Saddam Hussein regime, the Mujahedin are willing to act as mercenaries for this anti-human

HUSHANG PIRNIA Abingdon, Oxfordshire

Proven record for Prozac

Sir. The article "The brave new world comes one step closer" (12 September) quotes Professor Steven Rose as stating that there is no logical reason why the antidepressant Prozac is legal yet the rave drug ecstasy is illegal.

There is in fact one very good reason. Prozac has lived all its life in the scientific and clinical spotlight. Discovered in 1972, it was the subject of extensive research before being submitted to the UK and 90 other regulatory authorities who carefully assessed its effectiveness, safety and quality before licensing it as a prescription medicine for the treatment of very specific conditions. Prozac's effect on millions of patients has been monitored by health professionals, regulatory authorities and the manufacturers, and its value as a treatment for clinical depression bulimia nervosa and obsessive compulsion disorder confirmed. Ecstacy, on the other hand, languishes in a shadowy world of clubs, bars and back-street garages,

its effects unmonitored, its safety unknown, and its quality unregulated.

Take it away waiter

The article asserts that "Prozac has been implicated in unusual behaviour" and cites a single case involving a man with a history of mental illness who ran amok and killed a number of colleagues. This incident occurred in the US, and in 1991 the American Food and Drug Administration called upon a panel of experts to examine whether there might be a link between Prozec and violent behaviour. That panel found no credible evidence of a causal link. DEREK GANTHONY

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C of E cannot stand alone

Sir: The Dean of Wells's rehearsal (Letters, 14 September) of the traditional Church of England mantra about ministering to the whole nation is unlikely to impress 'clergy at the coalface".

Sixteen thousand church buildings makes an average of more than two per parochial minister. Take into account the number of assistant curates, those on holiday, day off, sabbatical, ill or in domestic disarray and the number actually "on the beat" shrinks alarmingly. The discrepancy between what the C of E delivers in theory and in practice is vast.

Add in the vestigial confirmation rate - one person in a thousand per annum - the revolution in the Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

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marriage market, the unavailability of clergy for funerals in urban areas and the number of dioceses balancing their books by interregna, and any rational person must conclude that another way forward is necessary.

Findings don't

condemn poor

complications combine with

Clare Prout (Letters, 11 September) felt that lack of

Sir: We recently showed that birth

maternal rejection in predisposing

people to violent crime ("Seeds of violence sown in the cradle", 3

September).
In commenting on our findings,

financial resources, more than a

financial resources, more than a genetic predisposition to be bad parents, was the crux of the problem, and that there was a simplistic suggestion that "the poor breed violent offspring".

First, we should clarify that while birth complications are a biological

birth complications are a biological

factor, they are more likely to be

environmentally than genetically determined. Furthermore, the

to violent crime is not strong.

research has shown that poor people who are good parents and whose babies do not suffer birth

complications actually have

violence.

commit crime.

offspring with low rates of adult

plays a role in predisposing to

that many poor people do not

While we believe that poverty

violence, it must not be forgotten

We are further convinced that

to violence, and that to successfully

complex interaction between social

biological factors also predispose

prevent future violent crime we

need to take into account the

and biological processes.

Los Angeles, California

Professor ADRIAN RAINE

Department of Psychology University of Southern California

evidence for a genetic predisposition

Second, some of our most recent

As always, the Holy Spirit provides. Ministry to the whole nation is being renewed in those places where churches of all traditions are working together in a common task, not repudiating their denominational inheritance, but laying aside the exclusive arrogance and alienation which has impeded the Christian cause for generations.

Examples of good ecumenical practice abound up and down the country. The sooner dignitaries lay aside the illusions fostered by their mode of appointment and use their ability and creativity and the resources at their disposal to work ecumenically, the sooner things will begin to look up for the churches. DAVID PERRY

Shared Parish Church of St Augustine Skirlaugh, Humberside

Warhol censored

Sir: I know Britain is very skilled at developing collective amnesia over its own reactionary history and cultural cowardice, but any retrospective assessment of the films made by Andy Warhol and Paul Morrissey (12 September) should have pointed out that nearly all the titles mentioned were, when they were first made, either banned from public exhibition in this country or shown only in cut versions. DAVE GÓDIN Sheffield

Allen, foresaw that the changing skyline of London could threaten the world-famous image of St

Sir: In 1934, a previous Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's, Godfrey Paul's Cathedral rising above the city ("Will Sir Norman Foster's building be the tallest in Europe, or just pie in the sky?", 10 September).

Tower a threat to St Paul's skyline

He devised a set of guidelines, known as the "St Paul's Heights", which limit the height of development within a certain area around the cathedral. These guidelines have been administered by the City planning authority ever since. More recently, protection has been given to long-distance views of the cathedral from as far away as Richmond Park and Norman Foster's proposed

London Millennium Tower does not lie within the area protected t the St Paul's Heights, nor does it infringe any of the selective longdistance views. Nevertheless, it introduces to London a quantum leap in scale which raises questions about the value that Londoners, and indeed the nation, place on the image projected by the skyline of

the city.
It is understandable that in the absence of a unitary authority for London, the City should wish to encourage a building which expresses its dominance over adjoining areas; but all who value adjoining areas; but all who value the potent image of the dome of St Paul's rising above the rooftops of London should be aware of the full London should be award which the extent of the height from which the Millennium Tower building will, if built, look down on Wren's masterpiece.

The respective heights are 385.5 metres (Millennium Tower) and 111.5 metres (St Paul's Cathedral). MARTIN STANCLIFFE Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral

Loving parents spare the child

Sir: Martin Gompertz (Letters, 13 September) writes: "The parent strikes the child, but this is no assault." A parent striking a child in many cultures which we would consider primitive or undeveloped would be regarded as an act of

insanity.

The most effective way of teaching a child to be reasonably obedient (and heaven preserve us from the totally obedient robot) is to withdraw the outward signs of approval. The child experiences this as a withdrawal of what sustains it - parental love. Of course, if the parent regards the child as an object to be controlled, then it is unlikely that this natural discipline will work, because the child will have experienced little love, and will have formulated its own strategies for survival. Co-operation is unlikely to be one of them. SOPHIE BUNHILL

Ely, Cambridgeshire

Bigger fry?

Sir. It is interesting that the latest revelations on New Labour and the trade unions took place in a scafood restaurant ("A feast of Dover sole, Chablis and a politician lightly grilled", 14 September). In bygone times, would that have been a chip shop? PETEBRINTON Traro, Cornwall

TEAM

The British Library may be worthy; it may also be the focus of a conspiracy theory surrounding Cambridge architects; but compared with its rivals at the Biennale, it's a sure winner. **Jonathan** Glancey in Venice sings its praises

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A little Buggins goes a long way most of the rest of the world at

Alexandria was torched by bar-barians, the citwhat survived of the Roman Empire wept and gnashed their teeth. It was as if the whole of classical learning had been destroyed at a stroke, or, in today's terms, as if some virile computer virus had wiped clean the central databank that held the story of western civil-

Libraries mattered 2,000 years ago; they matter today. Tears were shed for the fate of the library that nursed the original texts of Aristotle, amongst many great authors whom we know today only through the diligence and, to an extent, inaccuracy of the religious orders who kept alight the flame of learning during the Dark Ages, But it appears that no one cares for the colossal

hen the great British Library nearing com-library at pletion alongside St Pancras Station in latter-day London. Quite the reverse. The

£450m building, due to open next year, has been under attack for years. Perhaps surprisingly then, from this week until mid-November, the library is the principal representative of British architectural culture at the Venice Biennale. This is the one big opportunity for architects from around the globe to show their wares to and to a large and curious pub-

When the British Council, which organises the British Pavilion here, announced its decision to make the British Library the star of its show, the architectural press bleated, as with one voice, "No to the library". How could the British Council choose this ungainly and outmoded public monu-

the past decade, and certainly since the last Biennale held four years ago (the 1994 event was in effect closed for restoration - chiuso per il restauro as they say here) has produced some of the most radical and sophisticated architecture in the world.

much in demand, prophets perhaps without too much honour in their own land, but welcome ambassadors of contemporary culture abroad. And what of a younger generation of archia former Professor of Archiects? Why bother with a building that is unpopular even before it has opened, when we could be using the Biennale to display the talents of an up-andcoming generation?

British architects have been

The temptation is to jump to a conclusion that could be true in part, but would unfairly distort the case for the library. The exhibition at the British

Pavilion has been organised on behalf of the British Council by Michael Brawne, a veteran architect who first taught in the Department of Architecture at Cambridge University, where he has also been a member of the advisers committee of the Martin Research Centre, Sir Leslie Martin, who lends his name to this academic body, was for many years Professor of Architecture at Cambridge. One of his pupils and an architect he was to employ was Colin St John Wilson, architect of the British Library

tecture at Cambridge.

Alongside the exhibition of the British Library at Venice is a presentation of the up-andcoming (and very fine) Ruskin Library for the University of Lancaster by MacCormac Jamieson Prichard. Richard MacCormac was a pupil of Professor Wilson at Cambridge.

By this time, conspiracy theorists will be making knowing noises. These gentlemen architects were at school together, and clearly it's Buggins' (ie "Sandy" Wilson's) turn to take a bow and show Johnny Foreigner what the Light Blues can do: the most expensive building recorded in British history, for one thing. Given the hostility hurled at the immense walls of Wilson's library, it is easy to believe in such a complacent conspiracy. However, if there is something in it, there are mitigating factors.

niably intelligent theme of the British pavilion: "The Architecture of Information". Brawne has curated a show that is consistent, relevant, crystal clear and good-looking. With very few exceptions, the other pavilions of the Biennale are inconsistent, irrelevant, perplexing and even potty.

e clearest national message of all, however, comes from the American pavilion. Entitled "Building a Dream: the Art of Disney Architecture", the American show is an intimate collusion between the wonderful world of Walt and big gun US architects; so much so, that the message given by the US pavilion can only be that Disney is American architecture.

Triumphant above squeaky clean models of an astonishing volume of brightly coloured Post-Modern confections (for which, read "buildings") is a statue of Mickey Mouse himself. Forget Le Corbusier, stuff Palladio, the cartoon rodent is the future of transatlantic culture. Where once we joked that the Post-Modern design that biossomed so ludicrously in the United States from around 1980 was "Mickey Mouse" architecture, now the mouse has proved us right. Suddenly, the earnest British Library seems infinitely desirable. Architecture, as presented by

Venice, appears to be little more than an overplayed joke. The French and Italian pavil-

ions, for example, are confus-ing ugly and designed in ways that make them almost impossible to walk around. This international tendency towards unmitigated gimmickry is, per-haps, best summed up by the Hungarian pavilion, in which bizarre red and white neo-Constructivist sculptures designed by one Gabor Bachman are labelled "The Architecture of Nothing". Quite.

If the British excludes youthful talent, it cannot be accused of being emptyheaded. In fact, the dramatic and likeable way in which Colin St John Wilson has presented the British Library - a collage made up of prototype pieces of the library's interiors, from solid oak readers' desks and chairs to glass-fronted shelves, and leather-wrapped handrails speaks volumes for the quality of this public monument and for the vast reserves of infor-

mation it will contain. Supported by MacCormac's jewel-like Ruskin Library, Foster & Partners' Carre d'Art at Nimes and the proposed Eden Project (a spectacular biosphere planned for abandoned Cornish quarries and a future centre of bioclimatic research that will be open to the public)
designed by Nicholas
Grimshaw & Partners, "The Architecture of Information" is all too many of the architecture

A little on the worthy side? Perhaps, but when most of the Continental European pavilions seem aimed at confounding literal-minded Brits, a little

worthiness goes a long way.

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that younger talent does need to be encouraged and shown abroad. It would be unwise to divide architects into the young and the established, because architectural talent emerges over a lifetime and whilst some architects - Lutyens is a good example - appear to erva from the head of Zeus, others need to time to mature.

It is significant that many of the "young" international hotheads and radicals on show in the central pavilion at the Biennale are older than many of the mature architects producing refined buildings in. say, Switzerland and Scandinavia.

The British Library presentation at Venice will, undoubtedly, make this massive building new friends. Whilst it the exterior, the interior is refined, polished and handsome. With its warm oak surfaces, leather handrails at every stretch and promise of superbly controlled daylight, the interior is almost, although this seems awkward to say, rather sexy. Or, at least, certainly more sensual than many of the spiky. show-off designs that pervade

Colin St John Wilson likes to say that the library that has dominated the latter half of his career has been designed to last at least 250 years; its reputation as a work of architecture will (he hopes) slide in and out of fashion. For the architect as well as for the trustees of the library, this is a comforting thought.

There is no doubt that the architecture Biennale is, by and large, a fashion show. The bravest pavilions are, perhaps. those that have tried to eschew ephemera in favour of imaginative buildings that will endure. Whether this is the right strategy for an all-singing. all-dancing fashion show is

another matter. The British pavilion, compared to its rivals, is a bit like a stand at the Motor Show manned by chaps in heavy tweeds and brogues, an apparent anomaly among those strewn with half-clothed lovelies.

Undoubtedly worthy and a bit worrying on the chaps-wereat-varsity-together level, the ains difficult to begin to like British pavilion does go a long exterior, the interior is way in convincing the sceptical visitor that the construction of the British Library is not in the hands of barbarians and that no matter what form new libraries take in terms of the information they convey, we will probably always want them to be housed in buildings that promise security against savage destruction - even if Buggins does get to

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A pretty stage set awash with criticism being a World Heritage City means is looking like a grand



Miles Kington

ast Thursday, as I was saying yesterday, I was taken to a highly seditions evening of theatre at the Rondo in Larkhall. Larkhall is a small village just outside the city of Bath that has nearly but not quite been swallowed up by Bath. (Bath of course is a city that was once famous for its waters and is now notorious for having no spa facilities available or swimming pool

The point of this play was that the central character was a medical officer working for a town that depended

on its baths for its income. The medical officer was about to unveil a report was contaminated, mostly by the effluent from an abatton higher up the hill, but the mayor, instead of taking action, blackmailed him into silence. The mayor, his brother, thought that the matter of health was much less important than the profitability of the business community and the reputation of the city council, and refused to rock the boat. So did the local paper. So did everyone

except the doctor ... What came across was the picture of a smughtown whose reputation was not backed up by performance. Small wonder that people in the audience were going round afterwards saying. "Hom - not a million miles from our own dear Bath! You might have thought, from what they were saying. that Bath City Council would consider suing the

playwright for libel. This, however, would be difficult as the playwright, Ibsen, was long dead, and his play "An Enemy of the People", was written 100 years ago.

"You'd be surprised what resonances the play still has," one of the actors in this excellent Orchard Theatre production told me afterwards. "We started our tour in Tauston earlier in September, at the Brewhouse arts complex, which was just having a grand reopening, so they asked the mayor and some local bigwigs along to the evening of our performance. I don't think they quite realised that this particular Ibsen play is an attack on the complacency and corruption of so many small-town establishments ... What made it even

more piquant was that one of the local bigwigs at Taunton owned a local abattoir, and he was incensed by the bad press that abattoirs got in the play. You should have heard him sounding off afterwards!" Taunton may be sensitive.

but the city of Bath is almost immune to criticism. This is partly because Bath's rugby tcam has made it feel invincible and partly because Bath has been nominated a World Heritage City, which makes it feel it is beyond reproach. Actually, all that

stage set - 200 years ago Bath was turned into a pretty Georgian playground of a fown, and although most subsequent building in the place, under the aegis of or with consent from the council, has been hideous, it is still a very pretty stage set-

ting, though often more show than substance, as one look at the shoddy backside of the famous Pultency Bridge will reveal. I'll give you another

example of how there is more polish than performance. A year or two back it was decided to hand over the running of the Bath public swimming pools to a private company. (There used to be several different public baths in Bath, but an all-wise council had closed almost all of them down.) It was awarded to the lowest tender, which came from a company trailing a bad record behind it - I met an employee of the council at the time who told me he had found out that this company was already in trouble elsewhere, but he could not

listen to him.

The company with the not very good record took over the baths, ran them in a dissatisfactory fashion and finally, not so long ago, went into liquidation, as predicted by my source but not by the council. As a result, the swimming pool has been closed all summer while the council struggles to rectify the situation with their usual dynamism, and as Bath City Council had not kept any other baths open, there was nowhere for Bathonians to swim this hot summer. Except across the Wiltshire border in Chippenham or Bradford-on-Avon, near where I live, Bradford and Chippenham being two of the many towns to which local people now tend to go instead of Bath to do their shopping, eating, and swimming, because Bath is becoming so impossible, what with charging such greedy rents in the city, and having nowhere to park and...

Never mind. Bath is a World Heritage City. It is above criticism. And Ibsen would have a wonderful time here if he were still alive.

Time to win some political gold medals lection canvassers in the forthcoming general election should not be lishing a Constitutional Declaration and the text of a Reform surprised to be told on the Bill which could give effect to doorsteps, "You politicians are all the same." It may sound like the core principles and provi-sions of the reform agenda. It all the same." It may sound like a denial of the value of the vote. But when Polonius played the politician with Hamlet, the Prince aptly responded "Words, words, words..." Some cynicism about our politics is unsurprising. It seems that the poor are always with us and the rich seem to manage. And the going is not shows how the interrelated elements of reform can best beimplemented in one Act to achieve a coherent system of government for the UK. To take one example: the transfer of powers to a Scottish Parliament cannot leave untouched for long the num-Robert bers and authority of Scottish MPs at Westminster. Similarly,

manage. And the going is not easy for the great mass in the middle. If governments are to be judged by industrial investment, scientific innovation, educational opportunity and social provision, we had better admit that the gold medals are going elsewhere. Furthermore, there is some cross-party convergence of attitude as to the constraints upon fiscal and monetary policies. The public might reasonably doubt that the next election will mark a historic break with the past.

That is not, however, the full story. The next general election could herald significant change. The Liberal Democrats', long committed to reform, speak in shorthand of "the need to clean up the mess". Labour, too, has challenged the view that the

Westminster model of parliamentary government is all for the best. The Tories relish the challenge. As we approach the end, or perhaps it will only be the interruption, of a regime (for the Conservatives have been in office for some 55 of the past 75 years), there is a rare opportunity to confront the need for radical, systemic

Modernisation in other countries has followed the horrors or war and revolution. In Britain we are prompted only by the inade-quacies of our inheritance. The well-chronicled faults include the dominance of the Executive over Parliament, overcentralisation, excessive secrecy, an insufficiently representative legislature, weak remedies for the abuse of public power and, perhaps most widely resented, the failure to meet people's aspirations.

There is a strong temptation to play down constitutional reform in elections. It is, after all, about means, and the conventional wisdom is that people are concerned about ends, about th, jobs, crime. There is, however, mer of hope that the public recognises that constitutional reform is needed to help those elected to achieve the purposes for which they are elected. It could help to repatriate some of

those lost gold medals for good government. Where do the principal parties stand? The Conservatives' preference for the status quo is easily understood for it has served them well. Labour has a reform agenda and some commitments. Nationalist pressure in Scotland, the stacking of the House of Lords against them and the sweeping aside of old constitutional conventions - such as ministers owning up when found out, and fairness in making public appointments - have helped to bring

Labour to this watershed This week, the Liberal Democrats are pub-

Maclennan

Parliament cannot win the public's trust without wholesale reform

> work within which the electors in different regions of England could, by ref-erendum, opt into regional government. The Reform Bill will specify which matters would be the exclusive responsibility of the nations and regions, which would be shared and which would remain the responsibility of the Westminster Parliament.

an all-appointed upper House

might deal with the problem of the political imbalance of the Lords but scarcely strengthens its democratic authority. The Reform Bill would therefore tackle all these issues

together. The two Houses of

Parliament (their membership

reduced but their powers over the Executive strengthened)

would be reformed, along with

provision for home rule for Scotland and Wales, fair voting systems and referendums. In

particular, it would democratise

the upper House, providing first for indirect election by the

two Houses of Parliament and,

subsequently, direct election from the nations and regions of

the UK. It would offer a frame-

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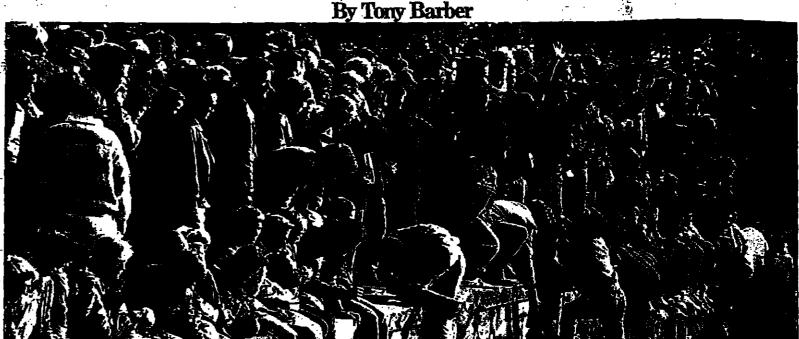
The Bill would provide that the next House of Commons, elected by a fair voting system, would be elected as a constitutional convention. Following the holding of a national referendum it would have the power to entrench the country's constitution.

That constitution would be the basic law of the UK, deriving its validity from the people, defining and separating sufficiently the powers of Parliament, the Executive and the judges. In particular, all executive powers would be derived from the constitution and not from the royal prerogative. Thus, for example, it would not be open to the Prime Minister to fire the starting-gun in an election since, by constitutional law, Parliaments would run for

a set term only to be varied by Parliament itself. Constitutional reform cannot be played like a game of grandmother's footsteps in which forward movements can only be made when no one sees them. Furthermore, it is unrealistic to believe that these interconnected issues can be sensibly spread across several sessions of Parliament displacing the bread-and-butter legislative needs of government. If the tide for reform is missed then, no doubt, future elections and their results will revert to type. The disappointed public will continue to sigh on the doorstep: "You politicians are all the same."

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Is Europe driving Germany up the wall?



up with Europe? When diplomat from a big European country recently put this question to me, my instinct was to dismiss it as absurd.

How could Germany be suspected of such restlessness when it has moved heaven and earth since 1945 to merge itself indissolubly with its European allies? Surely Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl's relentless determination to achieve European monetary and political union is proof that Germany is solidly anchored in Europe?

And yet, and yet. Something is changing in Germany. The European ideal that defined the country's post-war identity and mission, and which did so much to connect the political establishment with public opinion. seems to matter less now to ordinary Germans than at any time since 1945.

One recent survey suggested that only one in three Germans thinks that membership of the ocan Union is a s benefit. Polls consistently underline the scepticism of Hans in Hamburg and Franz in Frankfurt about sacrificing the mighty mark for the untried and untested euro, as the planned European single currency has been christened.

There are even cracks in the political elite. Among those who have questioned the wisdom of Mr Kohl's drive for monetary union at all costs are Gerhard Schröder, a senior opposition Social Democrat in Lower Saxony, and Edmund Stoiber, the right-wing premier of Bavaria.

Germans are not becoming anti-European, in the Tory Europhobic sense of harbouring a secret desire to pull their country out of the EU. The public mood, however, has

shifted perceptibly since the unification of Germany in 1990. By bringing together west and east Germans in one country and clearing up the status of Berlin, unification removed important constraints on German foreign policy and on the way Germans look at Europe. They have a stronger sense now of when something is in Germany's interest and when it is not, and when it is not they are more willing to resist.

the EU, could turn hostile if they suspected that Brussels was denying them money and jobs. For despite hundreds of billions of marks in financial transfers since the fall of the Berlin Wall, east Germans are still the poor relations of their western kinsfolk.

They have strongly supported Saxony's premier, Kurt Biedenkopi, for cutting the deal with Volkswagen, and they have made it plain that they could not care less about EU regulations. As the Potsdam newspaper Märkische Allgemeine put it:

out of work - the highest number since Hitler's time - and their government is imposing austerity measures in order to meet the Maastricht treaty's conditions for launching the single currency. Inevitably, public attitudes are feeding through

into government policy.
Thus Mr Kohl has successfully squashed proposals by Jacques Santer, the EU Commission's president, to launch a grand Europe wide job creation scheme, funded partly out of the EU budget. It matters little to Mr Kohl that this was Mr Santer's pet project and "The cold-bloodedness with about the only notable initiative which Mr Biedenkopf has brothat he has come up with since about the only notable initiative

the now notorious discussions at Chequers in 1990 that Baroness Thatcher held with a number of experts on the theme of "what to do about Germany

The note recorded the participants' view that "the way in which the Germans currently used their elbows and threw their weight about in the European Community suggested that a lot had still not changed. However, some would say that this opinion reveals more about British paranoia than about actual German behaviour.

If Germany is less coy these days about sticking up for its interests in Europe, this is because ordinary Germans are no longer the passive pro-Euro-peans of the pre-unification age. This, in turn, may reflect a certain combativeness and harshness that has entered German life since the radically different societies of east and west were suddenly lumped together and told to get on with it. Mr Kohl, aware of these

trends, sometimes voices the fear that he may prove to be Germany's last pro-European Chancellor. That is why he is so keen to make a success of mon-

For my part, I see no reason ern country should be like.

After the euphoria of the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Germans are now questioning their role as EU paymaster

This point has emerged with particular clarity in the dispute between Germany and the European Commission over subsidies paid to the car-maker Volkswagen by the eastern state of Saxony. The Commission ruled that the payments violated EU rules, but the German government disagreed and is filing a suit against the Commission in the European Court of

Justice (the Commission is responding with a counter-suit).
The government's stance has been dictated partly by an awareness that east Germans.

ken EU law appears to be paying off."

There is frustration in west-

ern Germany, too. More and more, people suspect that the EU is taking them for a ride, draining wealth from the prosperous society that they built so ainstakingly from the ruins of 1945. Small wonder that the finance ministry in Bonn is finally responding and drawing up plans to cut Germany's net

contribution to the EU budget. Germans are heartily tired of being the EU's paymaster when almost 4 million people are

form the impression that the EU is squandering money (more of it from Germany than anywhere else) on dubious undertakings. It is bad enough that Germans already blame the EU for operating a tariff system that causes them to pay over the odds for bananas, one

taking over the Commission.

is that Germans should not

More important for Mr Kohl

of their favourite fruits. In some ways, Germany's muscle-flexing in the EU is nothing new. Consider the memorandum that summed up

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to be alarmist about the new, more individualistic, more assertive Germany. What Professor Norman Stone wrote in 1991 still holds true: "We are in fact lucky to have the Germans around. They have learned all mightily from their awful past, looked to other countries as models and now exemplify what a modern West-

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ony Blair's face is full of optimism. He has set his targets and is unlikely to let anybody get in his way ... the position of Prime Minister is well within his grasp ..."
"Cherie has a natural appeal

the fashion magazines might go for in a big way ... Above all, she has the all-important relaxed look ...'

Over the past fortnight, the Daily Express has published one photograph of John Major, two of Cherie Booth, and nine of Tony Blair. The paper's columnists, people such as Bernard Ingham and Peter Hitchens, may continue to growl and grizzle along the familiar Smith Square approved lines (though Ingham declared in a recent column, "By common consent, Labour is no longer unelectable"); but the message of the rest of the paper could hardly be more plain: the Blairs are the faces of the future.

It is seven months since Lord Hollick merged his flagship company, MAI, with Lord Stevens's United Newspapers, in what amounted to a takeover. And although he declares himself a hands-off proprietor. primarily interested in the bot-Jom line, he is also among the most prominent of Labour's

seriously rich supporters. With regard to Labour, he says, "My role is to be helpful and supportive in any way I can." A moody, half-page portrait of Blair, fashion shots of Cherie, cute and wholesome in cardigan and bare feet, a beaming Blair stepping out of a helicopter - all of this is helpful and supportive. Even the banner front-page headline on last Friday's paper, "Labour to dump unions", probably did Labour less harm than good in the eyes of most Express read-

Lord Hollick, 51 (right), has been a Labour party member since his teens, and was raised to the peerage by Neil Kinnock; his other services to the Labour party include helping to set up the Institute for Public Policy Research, a think-tank that is one of New Labour's most important sources of ideas. And now, as the party's great test approaches, Lord Hollick is the type of self-made grandee on whom the party is bound to depend ever more heavily, whether it does in fact "dump unions" or not.

He is believed to contribute to the party's funds, by reiterating his enthusiastic backing for Labour only days after overseeing 85 redundancies at the Express, he helps to make supporting Labour look the natural choice of millionaires who know which way the wind is blowing; and if he perseveres in his attempt to Blairify the Express, he could prove to be far and away the party's most useful ally in the war against the

Tory media. Despite all the union-dump ing, Clause 4-rewriting and City-wooing of the past two years, Photocrats Backing Blair remains a small, select chib, and new members are paraded before the press like expensive

foreign signings. The most recent, announced at the weekend, was Bob Gavron CBE, the multimillionaire printer and publisher, who owns the Folio Society and Carcanet Press and is also a director of the Royal Opera House and the Royal



THE NEW ESTABLISHMENT

The Plutocrats

As Labour's success grows more likely, it has to learn to live with praise from the popular press, and its own wealthy benefactors. By Peter Popham

Ballet. He has given the party £500,000. Last week the gift of Matthew Harding, wealthy insurance broker and Chelsea FC's biggest shareholder, was announced: earlier in the year he gave £1m, much the largest single donation, and about onesixth of what the party receives annually from the unions. The Tories remain the nat-

ural bolt-hole of the rich, and those among them who go for Labour normally have strong reasons for doing something so apparently counter-intuitive. Dr Swraj Paul, for example, head of the Capara Group steel business, who with his family is worth £500m, points out that his allegiance to Labour practically runs in his blood: his family were ardent supporters of Indian independence (his given name, which means "freedom", was Gandhi's campaign siogan), and when he came to live in Britain 30 years ago he was naturally drawn to the anti-Establishment party. The sup-port of Lord Paul (he was ennobled in the recent honours list) is not blind, however: he gave money to the Tories during the Eighties, and is a friend of Baroness Thatcher. As recently as 1994, when he gave Labour £54,000, he also gave £5,000 to the Tories.

Some of Labour's high-profile supporters would be glad if there were a no-publicity box to tick. David Sainsbury, for example, scion of the grocery dynasty, supports Labour but prefers not to talk about it - a contrast to the eloquent Con-servatism of his cousin, Sir Tim, formerly a minister in John Major's government.

magnate who arrived in Britain

as a refugee from Hitler, has poured money into the party for years, but stays mum. And when you see the abuse that is heaped on the heads of some of Labour's wealthy, you can understand why.

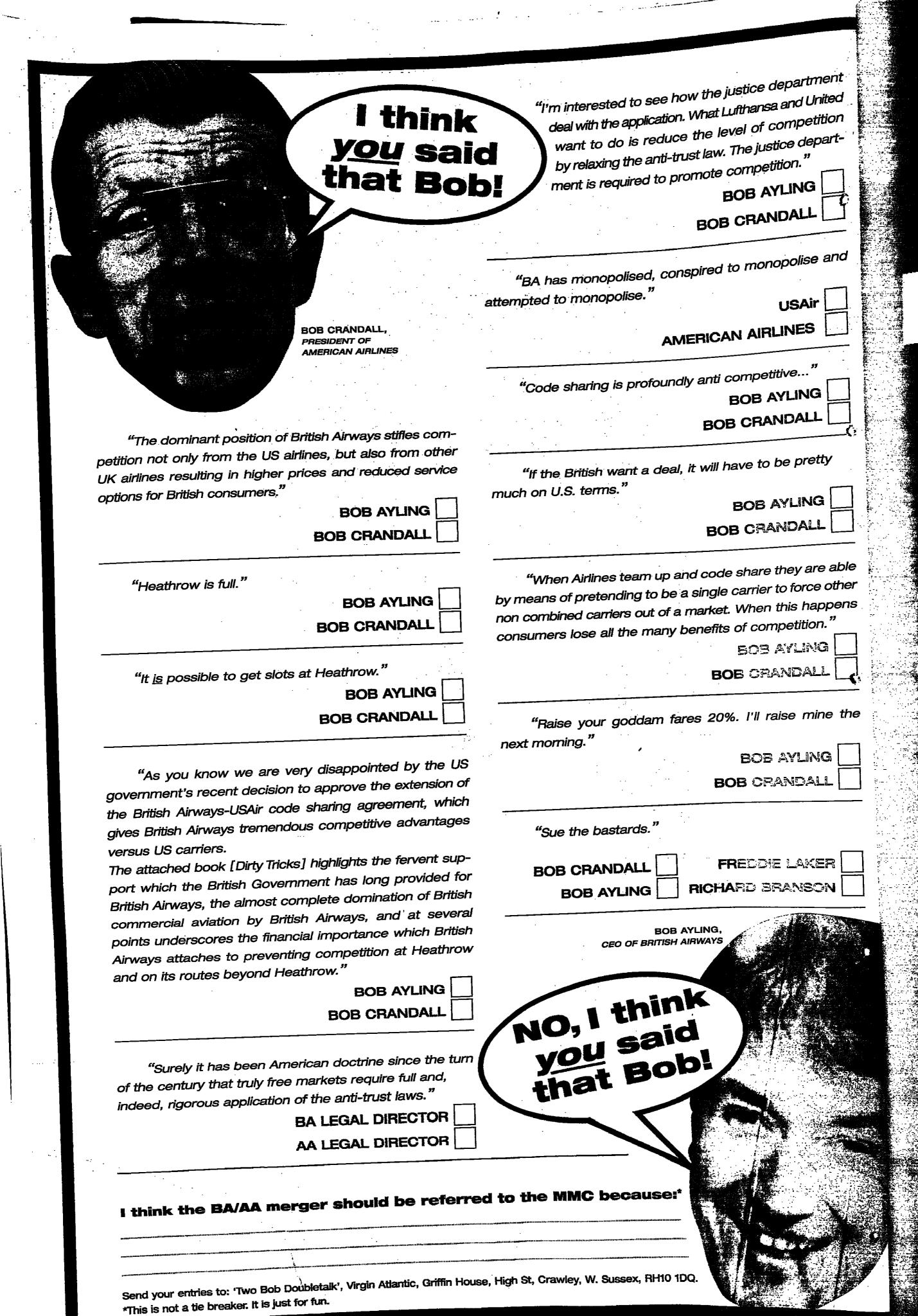
Take the case of Geoffrey Robinson, for example. The MP for Coventry North West since 1976, he may, with the Open University, be one of the late Harold Wilson's most glittering legacies. Hired by the then Labour prime minister as a researcher, he was rapidly promoted to head the Industrial Reorganization Corporation, and from there went on to head Jaguar Cars and build a fortune of his own in high-tech engineering.

Robinson is Wilson's whitehot heat of the technological revolution, embodied and still glowing. In the process of making his pile, though, he neglected Westminster. Now he is back in the spotlight as the new proprietor of the New Statesman, but a Daily Mail report that Blair was planning to give him a front-line job to improve his ie Blair's credibility with industry", lafer flatly denied by Blair's office, provoked screams of outrage from other Labour MPs. "It's going to blunt our crackflown on company fat cats if we have one on our own front bench," one

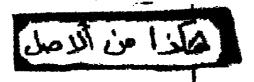
of them was quoted as saying. Geoffrey Robinson has a Lutyens mansion in Hamp-shire, a villa in Surrey, a flat in the Riviera and a penthouse overlooking Park Lane and the Serpentine. / He certainly sounds a fatfish cat.

But capitalists are like that. Paul Hamlyn, the publishing Labour will have to learn to

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Tupac Shakur

Middle America only began to settled in Baltimore where the sorship of rap lyrics and worms Shakur started rapping Shakur's first album 2Pacalypse understand the depression and frustration of the grunge generation when Kurt Cobain killed himself in 1994. The death of the rapper Tupac Shakur on Friday from gunshot wounds suffered the previous weekend in Las Vegas is assuming a similar importance for gangsta rap and hip-hop fans the world over,

With controversial albums like Me Against the World and All Eyez on Me and a tempestuous lifestyle which mirrored his braggadocio and macho lyrics, 2Pac (as he was known) had become one of the symbols of the movement. But, while his demise may reinforce cultural prejudices about this violent phenomenon, it could be the catalyst that forces Bill Clinton's government finally to deal with the issues of race and gunownership in America.

Like hip-hop and rap, Shakur was born in New York City. In a strange harbinger of events to come, he spent time in gaol while in his mother. Afeni Shakur's womb. She was one of the members of the Black Panthers arrested for conspiracy in 1970; such was her diet while behind bars that she feared she wouldn't reach the end of her pregnancy. Eventually acquitted of bombing charges, she was released and Tupac Amaru was born the following month. Un-sure of the identity of the baby's father (a popular myth points the finger at a drug-dealer nicknamed Legs, now dead), mother and child moved from the

moniker. While studying at the High School for Performance Arts in Baltimore, he also took some acting classes which would later come in handy. In 1988, the single mother

and son made the move to the West Coast and ended up in Marin City, a small town near Oakland, California. From then on, Shakur gave up on schooling, a decision he later regretted. He became a small-time crack dealer and auditioned for an outfit called Digital Underground who had already made a name for themselves as a rather goofy act ("The Hump-ty Dance" was their most notable moment), sampling George Clinton's Funkadelic. After dancing and helping out the road crew, Shakur contributed to their album Sex Packets. Following a small part in Ernest Dickerson's film Juice, the rapper struck out on

his own and released the album 2Pacalypse Now in 1991. At the time, rap was mutat-ing into several hybrids with De La Soul, Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy and Arrested Development promoting a more laid-back positive outlook while West Coast acts like Niggaz With Attitude, Ice-Cube and Ice-T were going all out for the hardcore audience. Ice-T had an alternative outfit called Body Count which released a controversial record entitled Cop Killer. Whipped up by Dan Quayle and Tipper Gore, the American media bayed for cen-

Now was soon cited as the reason a teenager had killed a Texas state trooper.

The court declared the evi-dence inadmissible but Shakur had become a force to be reckoned with. His elevation to the gangsta rapper pantheon was complete when he was arrested in New York in late 1994 for sexual assault. While awaiting trial, Shakur was again apprehended in Atlanta for shooting in the general direction of two plainclothes policemen. In November that year, he was himself the victim of a robbery and was shot five times (once in the head) while in a Manhattan recording studio.

Many observers saw this

event as a disguised murder attempt on Shakur. He had signed a deal with Death Row Records, the label set up by Dr Dre and Marion "Suge" Knight, who had made a fortune from publishing some of the songs on Vanilla Ice's debut hit album. A rather unsavoury character, Knight had started a feud between his West Coast stable (also including Snoop Doggy Dogg) and the acts on Shaun "Puffy" Combs East Coast la-bel Bad Boy Records (including the rapper Notorious BIG). The argument escalated and, following pressure from Time Warner shareholders, the record producer Jimmy Iovine's Interscope label, which distrib-uted Death Row, lost its licensing with Warner Brothers and moved to the MCA/Geffen conglomerate.

Meanwhile, as 2Pac spent most of 1995 safely in Ryker's Island jail in New York, his popularity grew even more. Poetic Justice, a film in which he starred opposite Janet Jackson, came out among rumours that her management had forced him to have an Aids test. Later, the film director John Singleton was forced to withdraw the offer of a film part after pressure from uncomfortable studio heads.

His Me Against the World alburn, in which he showed he was deeply aware of his own mortality (with "If I Die 2Nite" and "Death Around the Corner", for example), raced up the charts, eventually selling 2 million copies. He married his long-suffering girlfriend, Keisha Morris (the marriage was later annulied), and started work on the lyrics of All Eyez On Me. which came out this year following his release on a \$1.4m bail put up by his company. This strangely prophetic double set documented his state of mind and his determination to triumph over the odds and over his enemies ("Five shots and they still couldn't kill me," he bragged in one of his tracks). Sales of 5 million copies (and a British hit single with the mel-lower "California Love") proved Shakur had a definite hold over young people world-wide but his life-style and the company he kept contributed to

On 7 September, after watching Mike Tyson's WBA heavyweight title fight in Las Vegas, Tupac left the MGM Grand in

a car driven by Marion Knight. A white four-door Cadillac pulled alongside them and its occupants opened fire. Knight, who was believed to have been the real target of the assassination, received a minor bullet wound but Shakur, who was in the passenger seat, took the brunt of the shots. He was admitted at the University Medical Center in a critical condition. Several operations couldn't save him, and he eventually died of

complications. However, 2Pac's death seems to have united America's Afro-American community. Coolio, of Gangsta Paradise fame, paid tribute to a "brother who gave you something to think about, something to laugh about." John Bertoli, the producer of Gang Related (another sadly prophetic title), a movie featuring Shakur which is due out next year, praised "a star who could have had a really bright future. He was proud of his contribution to that film. It's sad he won't be able to see his

Most eloquent was the Rev Jesse Jackson, who put the whole sorry mess into perspective. "Sometimes the lure of violent culture is so magnetic that, even when one overcomes it with material success, it contimes to call. Tupac couldn't break the cycle."

Pierre Perrone Tupac Amaru Shakur, rapper, singer, songwriter, actor: born New York 16 June 1971; died Las



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Jane Baxter was one of those leading ladies of the British cinema in the Thirties who seemed the epitome of middleclass breeding - sensible and practical, pretty rather than glamorous, with a delicate comolexion. Perfect elocution, a beaming smile and just a hint of the coquette behind the cool exterior. A popular player, she starred opposite Richard Tauber in Blossom Time and made two films in Hollywood. Though her film career had waned by the end of the second World War, she continued to act in the theatre for another three decades, starring in such hits as

heroine. Born Feodora Forde in Germany in 1909, to a German mother and an Irish/English father, she was brought to England at the age of six. After studying at the Italia Conti stage school she made her London début in 1925 as an Urchin

While the Sun Shines and Fred-

erick Knott's masterly thriller

Dial M for Murder in which

she originated the role of the

curred in 1928 when understudying Jean Forbes-Robertson as Peter Pan: she substituted for the ailing star for one week and was spotted by the writer lan Hay, who suggested her for the lead in a play he had written with P.G. Wodehouse. A Dansel in Distress (her role was played by Joan Fontaine in the film version).

She made her screen début in a modest B-movie, Bed and Breakfast (1930), but the fol-lowing year had an important role in Down River as an insurance investigator's spunky fiancée who helps trap a murderous smuggler (Charles Laughton).

In The Constant Nymph (1933, the second of three screen versions of Margaret Kennedy's novel), she was one of the free-spirited daughters of a Bohemian musician living in the Aips, and the following year played a murder suspect in an early film of the director Michael Powell, The Night of the Party (1934), According to Powell's autobiography, he and in a short-lived musical, Love's Baxter had an affair which was Prisoner. Her breakthrough oc- abruptly terminated after his

psychic powers to make filmed Baxter's role as an earl's fiancée saw them dancing together at Ciro's.

Jane Baxter

In Blossom Time (1934), starring Richard Tauber as Franz Schubert, Baxter charmingly played the object of the com-poser's unrequited passion. Her performance attracted the at-tention of Hollywood, where she played in We Live Again (1934 Mamoulian's version of Tolstoy's Resurrection) and Harry Beaumont's Enchanted April (1935), a beguilingly off-beat tale of four ladies who rent a

villa in Italy. As the society belle fleeing the attentions of men, Baxter (in the role Polly Walker played in the recent remake) was convincingly blase, but these two films were primarily vehicles for Anna Sten and Ann Harding respectively and, despite an affair with Ronald Colman which many thought would lead to matrimony, Baxter soon decided to return to England, where her films included an intriguing "perfect crime" thriller, Line Engaged (1935), and The Clair-wyant (also 1935), in which she nearly ruins Claude Rains's life by persuading him to use his A theatre commitment pre-

vented her from accepting Alfred Hitchcock's offer to star in The Thirty-nine Steps, which might have altered the course of her movie career. With the exception of two wartime tales, the melodramatic Ships with Wings (1941) in which she was an admiral's daughter loved by three flyers, and The Flemish Farm (1943), as the wife of an heroic Belgian pilot, her sub-sequent films were undistinguished and her most notable

work was to be on stage.
In the producer "Binkie"
Beaumout's first London stage production George and Ma (1937) she was a hit as the flirtations Frankie and six years later, when Penelope Dudley-Ward quarrelled with the director Anthony Asquith during rehearsals for Terence Rattigan's While the Sun Shines, Beaumont replaced her with Baxter. The play, opening on Christmas Eve 1943, was a great success that ran for over

with several servicemen went to a newcomer, Barbara White. Later Celia Johnson was to play on screen the role that Baxter had originated in Wynyard Browne's touching 1950 play about a vicar's progeny, The Holly and the Ivy.

daughter romantically involved

Baxter's first appearance in New York was as Cecily in The Importance of being Earnest (1947) with John Gielgud, and other classic roles included Viola in Twelfth Night (1948, at the Old Vic, directed by Alec Guinness) and Mrs Alving in Ghosts (1967). She continued to work in the theatre for 20 years after Murder (1952), her last West End appearance being as the mother in John Mortimer's .4

Voyage round my Father (1972),

co-starring her old friend Michael Redgrave - she was

godmother to his daughter Her television work included

nal appearance in a 1992 documentary. Missing Believed Lost, with John Mills and Chili Bouchier. She married her first hus-

band, the racing driver Clive Dunfee, in 1930, and tragically was watching him race at Brooklands two years later when he crashed to his death. In 1939 she married Arthur Montgomery, a businessman. who died in 1978 (they had (hree children). Less than four months ago Jane Baxter attended the unveiling of a plaque to Dame Anna Neagle and Herbert Wilcox in Park Lane (she had appeared with Neagle in the play The More the Merrier) and was immediately surrounded by admirers who made

Feodora Kathleen Alice Forde (Jane Baxter), actress: born Bremen, Germany 9 September 1909; married 1930 Clive Dunplays and series such as Upstairs for edical 1932), 1939 Brigadier Downstairs, in which she played Arthur Montgomery (died 1978; a thousand performances, a viscountess trying to poach one son, two daughters); died though when the play was Hudson the butler, and her fi-London 13 September 1996.

Gerald McArthur

By the time Gerald McArthur encountered the crime of the century, he had been a police officer for nearly 30 years.

Joining the Metropolitan Police in 1935, he quickly estab-lished himself in the CID before being seconded to the Commissioners Office in 1941. He served in the RAF during the Second World War before returning to the Commissioners Office, and then the company fraud branch. Promotions through the ranks rapidly followed, and in 1963 he was made Detective Superintendent in the Murder Squad. However it was robbery rather than homicide that was to establish McArthur's reputation. for within days of his appointment a plan that had been touted for years amongst the criminal fraternity came to fruition, and a coalition of south London professional thieves robbed the night train from Glasgow to London of £2.6m.

The Great Train Robbery and its soap opera-like after- control and discipline which

math caught the imagination of the world's media. Brigadier Cheyney, the Chief Constable of Buckinghamshire, sought the assistance of Scotland Yard, McArthur was seconded to the subsequent investigation and, despite the publicity-seeking activities of a number of senior police officers from the Metropolitan Police, it was McArthur who was the acknowledged "governor". In particular he proved adept

at manipulating the world's media in a manner that was to set a precedent for successive generations of police managers. From his base in Avlesbury he kept the story fresh in the public mind by calling regular press conferences, and a number of authorities claim that his announcement that the robbers were still within a 30-mile radius of the crime, punicked them into a rapid exit from their hideout

until then had been the gang's hallmark. While Tommy Butler and the Flying Squad took much of the credit for their work against the London villains, McArthur managed the Aylesbury end of the investigation, and involved himself fully in the questioning that followed some of the early arrests.

In 1964 McArthur was promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent and placed in charge of the Herifordshire CID. This was a highly significant appointment that acknowledged the manner in which he had managed the tensions between the Met and the Buckinghamshire Police during the train robbery investigation. The following year he was appointed as the coordi-nator of No 5 Regional Crime

That same year McArthur was approached by a south London man named James Taggart with accusations regarding the activities of Charlie and Eddie Richardson and their associates, including

the underworld icon "Mad" Frankie Fraser. The Richardsons were undoubtedly the most astute of the crime groups that prospered in 1960s Britain, and had successfully penetrated the legitimate economy. Taggart had allegedly received a beating from Fraser and had gone to the now Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire in order to avoid the local police who, as Charlie Richardson himself acknowledges, "were so bent that no Met copper would work for a week, never mind years, without tipping me

The subsequent investigation was unique at the time as the police went about seeking victims of crimes of violence that to this day seem quite fantastic, or in the words of one of the investigating officers. "Frankly, I thought it all sounded a bit improbable, copied from accounts of Gestapo methods during the war. The frauds which were the lifeblood of the Richardson operation were less improbable. yet the trial became popularly

known as the "torture trial", and despite the contested nature of some of the evidence of violence, and the attempts at jury tampering, Charlie and Eddic Richardson received 25 years and 10 years respectively.

The police operation also marked the introduction of a tactic that was to be soon implemented with even greater success against the Kray twins, involving the mass arrest of all members of the gang so as to reduce the chance of witness intimidation. A virtually ignored aspect of the Richardson trial was the sight of the Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire, one of the most prominent detectives in the country, taking the stand just prior to Charlie Richardson being sentenced, to present the accused's

The trial did much to establish organised crime in Britain's collective consciousness, and was a key episode in the history of 1960s criminal justice. At a time when the establishment were fearful of society being

destabilised by the lower orders. scrap metal merchants equally talented at both fraud and mineral mining were at least two decades ahead of their time. However, looking back it is difficult not to have some sympathy with Charlie Richardson's contention that, despite the "torture trial" hype, "I was actually charged with a bit of fraud and five counts of grievous bodily barm. Nobody was dead, maimed or even scarred ... I had slapped five hooligans

large companies." Gerald McArthur received the Queen's Police Medal in 1966, and was appointed MBE in 1968. He retired from the police in 1969 and became security adviser to the Tobacco Advisory Council, a post from

around and had defrauded

Dick Hobbs

which he retired in 1975.

Gerald Elwyn McArthur, police officer; born 28 May 1916; Assistant Chief Constable of Hertfordshire 1965-69; married (two daughters); died 21 July 1996.

Popper, philosopher, 1994. On this



The 'governor': McArthur, right, and colleague Photograph: Hutton Getty

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JEWELL / TERRINGTON: To Sarah and Andy, a beamtiful 8th baby girl, isabella, a sister for Benedict, born at home on Thursday 12 September 1996.

DEATHS

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ident, 78; Mr Domon Hill, racing driver, 36; Mr Michael Jack MP, 50; Mr

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Anniversaries

Births: Pope Paul V, 1552: Francisco Gomez de Quevado y Villegas, poet and satirist, 1880; Marie-Jean Antoine Nicolas Caritat, Marquis de Condorcet, mathematician and philosopher, 1743; Samuel Prout, water-colour painter, 1783: Edward

William Lane, translator of The Thousand and One Nights, 1801; Halidan Kjerulf, composer, 1818; William Carlos Williams, poet, 1883; Charles Tomlinson Griffes, composer, 1884; Sir Francis Charles Chichester, yachtsman and aviator, 1901: Sir Frederick Ashton, chorcographer, 1906; Dolores Costello, aci, 1906. Deaths: Pedro Menendez de Aviles, soldier and navigator. 1574; Philip IV, King of Spain, 1665; Francesco Xavicro Geminiani, com-poser, 1762; Tabbias George Smollett. novelist, 1771; Alfred Victor, Comte de Vigny, poet, 1863; Walter Savage Landor, author, 1864; William Henry Fox Talbut, photographic plo-neer, 1877; Ethel Mary Dell (Mrs G.T. Savage), romantic povelist, 1939; Ruth Benedict, anthropologist. 1948; Count Folke Bernadotte af Wisborg, soldier, humanitarian and diplomat, assassinated 1948; Dome Lilian Braithwaite, actress, 1948; Friedrich Adolf Paneth, chemist. 1958; Katherine Anne Porter, nov-elist, 1980; Richard Basehart, actor, 1984; Professor Sir Karl Raimund

day: Edinburgh was occupied by the Jacobites under the Young Pretender, 1745; the Constitution of the United States of America was signed, 1787; the frigates Briton and Tagus, under Sir Thomas Staines and Captain Pipon, touched at Piteairn Island in the Pacific, and found the descendants of the Bounty mutineers, 1814; an English eccentric announced in a San Francisco newspaper that he had became Norton I. imperor of America, 1859; the Mont Cenis railway tunnel, Switzerland, opened, 1871; the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed as a federal union of six colonies. 1900; the operetta l'iktoria and Her Hussar was performed in London for the first time, 1931; the first long-playing records were demonstrated in

New York, but the venture failed,

1931; Poland was invaded by the So-

viet Union, 1939; the 1st British Air-

borne Division landed at Arnhem,

Netherlands, 1944; the first meeting took place of the North Atlantic

Lithuania, North and South Korea, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia were admitted to the United Nations, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Columbia of Corder a. St Francis of Camporosso, St Hildegard, St Lambert of Maastricht, St Peter Arbues, St Robert Bullarmine, St Satyrus of Milan. Saints Sourrates and Stephen and St Theodora.

Lectures

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Saint Michael (iii): Bermejo, Saint Michael Triumphant mer the Deval.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Olivia Callea, "Chinese Export Art". 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Elizabeth Allen, "Mother and Child: George Romney's Mrs Johnson and Her Son", Ipm. British Museum (British Library Lecture): Richard Barber, "The Holy Grail: object or ideal", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: Honor Clark, "The New Early 21th. century Galleries", 1.10pm.

Helen Chadwick

A service to celebrate the life and work of Helen Chadwick (1953-1996) will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgur Square, London WC2 on Saturday 21 September 1906. at 11.30am.

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Margaret Rawlings

A memorial service for Margaret Rawlings will be held on Thesday 15 October at St Paul's Church, Bedford Sircel, Covent Garden, London WC2 at 11.30am.

Luncheons Rotary Club of London

Mr Bill Cowen. President of the Rotary Club of London presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel London W1. at which the Russian ambassador. Mr Anatoly Leonidovich Adamishim, was inducted as a men ber. Sir Sigmund Sternberg

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CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

BA-American alliance may escape MMC

CHRIS GODSMARK and MICHAEL HARRISON

British Airways' alliance with American Airlines looks set to escape a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission but it could still founder on the tough conditions regulators want to attach to the con-

troversial tie-up.
The Office of Fair Trading is preparing to tell ministers that the alliance, which would give BA and American up to 60 per cent of key transatlantic air routes, should not be sent to the

BA has made it clear that it will walk away from the alliance if it is referred. A lengthy investigation by the MMC could also scupper hopes of an open skies agreement being signed between Britain and the US because it is conditional on the al-

liance going ahead. Instead the OFT looks set to approve the tie-up, on condition tions are expected to be passed that the two carriers give up some of their lucrative take-off and landing slots at Heathrow. BA's chief executive, Robert Ayling, has insisted that the two carriers should not be forced to surrender slots as the price for

regulatory approval. But industry observers believe BA and American will have to

Virgin Atlantic and United Airlines of the US.

Robert Crandall, the chairman of American Airlines, in Britain this week on a "hearts and minds" mission to win sup-port for the alliance, has floated the idea that the two carriers might lease slots at Heathrow to other carriers rather than give them up outright.

He is also promising to increase American's regional services from Manchester and Birmingham if the alliance is approved. At present American flies only to Chicago from the two regional airports but would launch new services to Dallas, Miami and Los Angeles if the alliance is given the green light.

Mr Crandall saw the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, yesterday to argue American's case and flies back to Dallas at the end of the week.

The OFT's recommendato the President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, in the next 12 days, possibly as early as Friday. A decision not to go for an MMC referral would represent a victory for the Department of Transport, which has iven the alliance its broad

given un backing. Intense discussions between give ground to accommodate BA, American and OFT offi-

the objections from rival carri-ers, led by Richard Branson's cials have been continuing for weeks aimed at finding a compromise acceptable to the two carriers without the need for an investigation by the MMC. The current stumbling block is thought to lie more with American, which is believed to be insisting on hanging on to the bulk of its Heathrow slots.

Separately, the regulatory hurdles which the alliance needs to clear became even more complex yesterday when the European transport commissioner, Neil Kinnock, said the EC's own investigation into airline alliances, begun after the BA-American announcement, would be unlikely to reach any conclusions until next year. "It would be very difficult be-

fore Christmas. There's a lot of information to be gathered and some of that information is not very easily available," said Mr

It also emerged that the Eu-ropean Commission has decid-ed to extend its inquiry further, casting further doubt on BA's aim of getting the alliance under way by next April.

The EC is already investi-

gating seven alliances between US and European carriers and is examining proposals by Unit-ed to transform existing links with Lufthansa and the Scandinavian carrier SAS into a trilateral partnership.



A long wait: Neil Kinnock says an EC investigation is unlikely to reach a conclusion before next year

Protean shares plummet

NIC CICUTTI

Shares in Protean, the laboratory equipment and water purification specialist, plummeted by a third to 169p yesterday after the company warned that half-year profits were likely to drop because of problems at a

German subsidiary.
The shares fall wiped about £40m off Protean's market value to £70m following its warning that half-year profits to 30 September would be lower than

current market expectations. The company blamed management failures at DWA which compounded tougher trading conditions in the wake of Ger-

man government spending cuts. But Geoff Spink, managing director of Protean, said action was being taken to overcome the problem at DWA. A new managing director, Anita Sayer, had already replaced Armin Bechtel, the previous incum-

DWA, a water purification and renal dialysis business based near Heildelberg, was bought last year for £12.9m. Proean said at the time that the deal was aimed at entering the German market and expanding sales of its existing products. In 1994, DWA made profits of about £2m on sales of £9m.

Mr Spink said: "We have essentially faced two problems. The first is that the German economy is facing cuts in public spending as a result of what Chancellor Kohl has called spending 'deferrals'. DWA is beavily dependent on govern-

ment spending.
"The second problem is that our managing director was extremely good at strategic thinking but was unable to respond to the stimuli of what was happening to the economy."

In June, Protean reported a 37 per cent jump in full year pretax profits to £10.3m. STOCK MARKETS

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Blenheim shares jump as on-off saga resumes

PATRICK TOOHER

The on-off takeover saga at Blenheim took another twist yesterday when the exhibitions group confirmed it had remay or may not lead to an offer for the company", albeit at a level the board had previously rejected. Shares in Blenheim jumped

performers in the FT-SE 250 index. They have been on a rollercoaster ride since takeover rumours first surfaced more than three months ago.

Blenheim made its latest ceived a further approach that statement in response to weekend press comment and added "a further announcement will be made when appropriate". Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-

Dutch publisher, is understood 52.5p to 420p on the news, to have made a renewed bid apmaking them the day's best proach to Blenheim, only three

weeks after previous takeover have continued negotiations talks were terminated. Reed is reported to have

held talks with Blenheim to see if any common ground could be gaged in talks, reached on a price for an agreed Reed's latest move appears to reached on a price for an agreed takeover. Last month Blenheim called

off talks with Reed and with Lord Hollick's United News & Media, saying it had received no discussions. proposals it could recommend to shareholders.

However, United is said to

with Blenheim, though neither United nor Reed has ever formally admitted they were en-

be an attempt to try to wrongfoot United. "It's got to the stage where it is the last one to blink," said a source close to the

Previously Reed, which entered the fray after United, was thought to be biding its time

in the hope that Blenheim's chairman, Neville Buch, would drop his asking price, said to be a bid worth at least 490p a share. valuing the company at £500m.

Blenheim shares hit 458p at the height of the bid speculation at the beginning of June, having run up from as low as 250p mours, but they collapsed by more than 100p to pre-bid levels when the talks were broken

Any deal would have to be agreed as 40 per cent of Blenheim's shares are controlled by the directors and Generale des Eaux, the French water company

Unlike its last announcement, when it described its first-half performance as strong. | - the same as in 1995-96. current trading.

Interim results for the six months to June are expected on 2 October.



On target: Eddle George rejects fears of discrimination

George reassures banks on EMU

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Attempts to discriminate against London banks if Britain stayed out of monetary union would contravene single market legislation and European union competition law, Eddie George. Governor of the Bank of England, warned yesterday.

Mr George was launching an attack on proposals by France and Germany that would restrict access by countries outside the single currency area to a new interbank clearing system called Target, which will handle euros. However, he rejected City

suggestions that discrimination

would cause serious damage to

British banks, saying that there were many alternative routes they could use to clear funds in euros, bypassing Target. The issue was not a "showstopper" for the City of London.

Mr George also made clear that he believed the City would benefit from a single currency whether or not Britain joined monetary union.

He took this view, not because London would steal business from Frankfurt and Paris, but because an enlarged currency block based on the Ger-

man mark would stimulate extra activity in the financial system, benefiting everybody. Mr George said: "Provided

the competitive position of we are properly prepared, as we transfers would be made in-British banks, saying that there will be, the opportunities for the stantaneously between banks, City far outweigh the risks, and that is true whether we are in

Or Out. He also reiterated his longstanding view that Britain was an unlikely candidate for participation in the start of monetary union.

Introducing the bank's second progress report on preparations for monetary union, Mr George insisted that the argument over Target was an issue

He said that the Bank of England was keen to encourage use of Target because it was a real time settlement system for euros, in which large money

rather than at the end of each working day.

Real time settlement re-

moves the risk that the failure of one bank will bring down many others in a domino series of collapses. British banks have already adopted a real time settlement system for sterling and most countries are moving in the same direction.

Mr George said that the Bank was only demanding access to Target on equal terms during the trading day, not asking to be allowed to participate in overnight lending using

Comment, page 19 | morning.

PSBR nerves hold back **Footsie**

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

An attack of nerves about figures for government borrowing due today and retail sales tomorrow prevented the FT-SE 100 index from passing the symbolic 4,000 level.

Shares in London, however, still managed to set another record, closing up just over 9 points at 3,977.2 in very light trading. But this week's economic statistics are expected to be less encouraging than the recent run of indica tors pointing to rapid growth with low inflation.

Analysts expect today's figure for the public sector borrowing requirement in August to amount to more than £4bn following a surprise repayment of £1.7bn in July. And recent surveys suggest that official figures for retail sales last month will rebound.

The gap between government revenues and spending has been scarcely any lower this financial year than last year. The reason for the disappointing performance has been expenditure growth running at more than twice the rate needed to hit this year's target. Many City experts reckon this year's PSBR will exceed the Treasury's £27bn forecast.

Yet the indications are that Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is looking to cut more than £3bn from existing spending plans to an-nounce tax cuts in November's Budget. A freeze on the public sector pay bill for the fourth

year running is also likely. Leo Doyle, an economist at investment bank Kleinwort Benson said: "Existing plans are already really tough. When they take off another few billions in the Budget, it will be very difficult to deliver." He predicted that the PSBR would stick at £29bn this year and next

Other City experts are more ontimistic. Ciarán Barr at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell said: "Spending has slipped but I think they will manage to restrain it."

He also predicted that rapid growth in tax revenues, due to consumer spending picking up, would come as a pleasant

The financial markets are likely to remain on edge until after next Tuesday's meeting of

the Federal Open Market Committee. The risk of an increase in US interest rates can not be com-

pletely ruled out despite last week's unexpectedly low inflation figures. Industrial production and capacity figures due today are

known to be closely watched by the Fed. Analysts expect the year-on-year growth in output to fall to just over 3 per cent and would be alarmed by higher growth. The Dow Jones industrials

index was more than 36 points higher at 5,874.77 by late

South West Trains managing director quits

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The managing director of South West Trains has left the company after a reorganisation by Stage-coach which won the franchise earlier this year.

Peter Field, who originally led a rival management buyout bid for SWT with CGEA, the French transport company, has been ousted after only seven months in the job and terminated his employment "by

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mutual agreement" last week. Stagecoach said the reason for Mr Field's departure was the reorganisation of the company into four divisions - UK bus, train leasing, overseas and train operations which includes South West Trains. Mr Field's role has been taken over by Brian Cox, who will carry out the task in con-junction with his previous role as chairman of SWT Mr Cox is on the board of the parent company and used to be managing director of Stagecoach South.

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The fact that Stagecoach has won only one very small franchise, the Island Line on the Isle of Wight, in addition to its initial success with SWT, means the company felt it had too many managers in its fledgling train

While the company said that SWT had performed well, City sources suggested there had also been some concern at SWT's failure to bring down costs quickly enough to meet its staff nur own onerous profitability targets. stymied.

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Under the agreement with the franchising director, Stage-coach will receive £60m of subsidy in its first year compared with £63.5m, which BR would have received, and the amount of support declines to £40m by the end of the seven-year franchise term.

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Negotiations with the unions for productivity deals have not yet been finalised, although ticket office staff are voting on a deal which will reduce numbers without the need for compulsory redundancies.

Mr Field said last night: "I have left the company by mutual agreement. There are no skeletons in the cupboard. The

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Lease snag delays Signet jewellery sale

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The long-awaited sale of Signet's two UK jewellery businesses, H Samuel and Ernest Jones, to the venture capital group Apax Partners has been delayed because of complex negotiations over property leases on the chains' more than 600 shops-Details of a sale had been expected about now but completion has been put on hold until a formula can be agreed to

safeguard Signet from any future liability regarding the leases.
The issue was given added urgency recently when Sears closed 200 shoe shops returned to it after the collapse of Facia. the company to which it had previously sold them. Under British property law, responsi-bility for the leases on buildings

reverts to the original lessee in the event of a default by a par-

ty to which they have subse-

Signet is determined not to

quently been assigned.

as it announced it planned to do last January. The proposed £280m sale of H Samuel and Ernest Jones, forced on the company by crippling debts, will reduce Signet to its American chain Sterling and a move of headquarters to the US is expected to follow the deal.

The rules on lease assignments have come in for heavy criticism in recent years. Thanks to the unusually long leases on

face any similar liability when it British commercial properties He was speaking as the group, tax loss emerged at £6m comfinally pulls out of UK retailing of up to 25 years, compared to formerly known as Ratners, pared with a £21.3m deficit a under ten in many continental markets, businesses can find themselves responsible for leases on properties they vacated years previously.

James McAdam, chairman of Signet, remained tight-lipped on the sale yesterday, saying only that "discussions have taken place with a number of interested parties and are still continuing with one potential

announced a two-thirds reduction in its first half loss after a 7 per cent increase in like for like sales. Emest Jones gave the strongest showing, with an 18 per cent improvement in com-

parable turnover. At the operating level Signet reported its first interim profit since 1990, reversing a £2.9m loss into a £10m profit. After interest payments on the group's £306m debt mountain, the pre-

pared with a £21.3m deficit a year ago. There was no dividend on either Signet's preference or ordinary shares.

Mr McAdam said. "The group has been trading well and the much improved results for the half year are encouraging. We now need to maintain the good progress and prepare for the all important Thanksgiving and Christmas trading periods."

Still unclear is the possible involvement after an Apax ac-

quisition of rival jeweller Goldsmiths, which has made no secret of merging its operations with Ernest Jones believing it could squeeze sizeable rationalisation benefits out of a deal.

In recent weeks attention has shifted to a possible management buyout of Ernest Jones and H Samuel, backed by Apax. A plan for Apar to buy a large stake in Goldsmiths and then merge its business with Ernest Jones appears to have been

criminal

MICHAEL HARRISON

The crisis at Olivetti took a new twist yesterday as Francesco Caio, chief executive of the embattled Italian computer group, was named in a criminal investigation into allegations that its management had falsi-fied first-half results.

News of the investigation by prosecutors based in Ivrea, home of Olivetti's headquarters, sent its shares plunging to a new low and forced Italian stock market regulators to suspend dealings for the third time in a fortnight.

By the time the shares were suspended they had fallen by 10 per cent to 516 lire. Two attempts to lift the suspension and resume trading in the shares

The market was also unnerved by Olivetti's abrupt cancellation of planned meetings between Mr Caio and investors in Milan and London to reassure them of the company's fig-

ture and financial position. Between 30 and 40 per cent of the shares are held in London by institutional investors and in the who took part in a £913m rescue rights issue by Olivetti last

December. Olivetti said that the meetings would now take place at the end of September when it formally publishes its first half results.

But the markets were unimpressed. "Watching Olivetti is like watching Dallas," said one Italian equity trader. "Every day there is a new sorry episode.

Mr Caio, who took over the running of the company after the resignation of its long-standing chairman Carlo De Benedetti, was added to the list of executives being investigat-ed by two Italian judges who are examining whether the first-half accounts, showing losses of 440bn lire were falsified.

The crisis erupted when Renzo Francesconi quit as chief financial officier of Olivetti three weeks ago alleging that the ex-tent of the group's losses had been disguised. He had only been at Olivetti for six weet

The Italian stock market watchdog, Consob, promptly launched an investigation and it is still unclear whether company has answered all its ques-

Mr Francesconi was interviewed by the prosecutors for

nine hours last week.

He has stuck by his claims even though Olivetti has threatened legal action against him. The criminal investigation is just one of several inquiries fac-

ing Olivetti. It has been called before the Italian industry ministry and last week Mr Caio faced questioning by the industry com-mittee of Italy's lower house,



round of restructuring and could cut its dividend after being hammered by de-stocking in the paper industry, its main The company yesterday an-

nounced that pre-tax profits crashed from £55.3m to just £5.7m in the six months to June as volumes sank by as much as one-fifth. The interim dividend is be-

ing maintained at 5.5p, but Lawrence Urquhart, chairthe final payment would not be made until later this year, when trading trends become strategic review begun early in 1996 was completed.

plan the group announced its intention to cut another £30m of costs in its kaolin business, which Dennis Rediker, the new chief executive, said would make us "very, very competitive" in the world market. Shares in the group slid 10p

pretty disheartening for investors not to be given a clearer picture. Quite honestly, nobody cared too much about the level of operating profits [in the half year] ... What has disappointed people is that there have been no clear indications as to future strategy and clear indications of future dividend policy."

Mr Rediker only took over man, warned that a decision on at the beginning of the year after his predecessor, Andrew Teare, moved over to take the reins at the Rank leisure and clearer and a comprehensive amusements group. He said the collapse in profits was dri-ven by a 21 per cent drop in-However, as part of the initial phase of the restructuring paper industry and an 11 per

cent fall in North America. Profits in Europe crumpled from £33.2m to £21.5m, while in North America they were down from £19.5m to £12.1m. The problem was that the paper industry wasn't running their mato 216.5p as brokers factored chines", he said, after a "false

the papermaker.

The half year figures bore an £18.6m charge for writing down or writing off underperforming calcium carbonate or kaolin assets in Korea, Continental Europe and Brazil. Mr Rediker warned that, although the operational review was not completed, to give it "some sense of proportion" they could see the need to cut costs in the kaolin business around

the world by a further £30m. The full-year profits would bear a charge for the move, but he could not say how much or how many redundancies would be involved.

The latest figures were also hit by an unprofitable three year contract entered into by previous management at the Calgon speciality chemicals operation to supply the Scott Paper Company in the US. Margins in speciality chemicals fell from 7.8 per cent to 1.1 per cent in the half year, but would have been akin to the 3.4 per



cent achieved in the second ready wrought a "dramatic" kaolin manufacturing plant kaolin sources in Brazil and half of 1995 without the Scott turnround in the business, but and with start up costs in a new from cheaper calcium contract, against which a provision has been made, Mr he added.

too late to save these figures, calciner plant making high Rediker said. New manage In addition, ECC has had to But analysts say it faces the full year would leave last ment at the business had alcope with problems in its US growing competition from new year's dividend uncovered

quality kaolin, also in the US.

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Profits forecast at £55m for

Independent eyes NZ takeover

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

Independent Newspapers, the Irish newspaper group run by Dr Tony O'Reilly, yesterday moved to extend its global ambitions with its largest ever takeover bid, a IR£442m (£460m) offer for Wilson & Horton, New Zealand's largest newspaper company. Wilson & Horton runs the

New Zealand Daily Herald,

minster Press, the regional newsthe country's most popular paper interests of the media connewspaper with a daily circulation of 260,000 copies and runs golmerate Pearson. Westminster went under the hammer in July several magazines. Indepenfor £305m to Newsquest, the re-gional publishing group. dent Newspapers gained effective control of 45 per cent of Wilson & Horton a year ago The latest cash offer values

though a subsidiary company, Wilson & Horton shares at Independent Press Communi-NZ\$10.50 (£4.67), with a paper alternative in the form of IPCL cations (IPCL). preference shares which would The bid, which had been widerumoured, follows Dr O'Reilthen be listed on the New ly's failed attempt along with Mirror Group to take over West-Zealand stock exchange. It would be funded partly by a

IR£400m borrowing facility which has been arranged. Earlier this year Independent raised IR£106 from shareholders in a rights issue.

About one-fifth of the remaining 55 per cent of the shares not already owned by IPCL are held by New Zealand institutions, with most of the rest in the hands of private investors. Wilson & Horton shareholders have until 8 November to approve the deal. interim pre-tax profits, before Montgomery made a profit of

Montgomery exercises options

David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group, has made a profit of £608,000 by exercising share options.

The company - which controls 46 per cent of News-paper Publishing, owner of the Independent and Independent on Sunday - said yesterday that Mr Montgomery carried out the transaction last Friday, two days after the announcement of

excentional costs, of £39m. Mr Montgomery exercised options over 400,000 shares granted at 61p on 23 October 1992 and sold them at 213p a share. He also sold 150,000 ex-

isting shares at the same price. The company added that Mr Montgomery retains options over 579,409 shares at 61p and options over 163,755 at 229p, and also has a holding of 50,999 shares in the company.

In March of this year, Mr

and sold options on 500,000 shares the day after Mirror Group reported 1995 pre-tax profits of £87.2m. At last Wednesday's interim

results announcement. Mr Montgomery said that the com-pany was "an efficiently run media business capable of further expansion". Shareholders were told that

they would receive a 12.5 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.35p.

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More disasters on the big screen for Sony

Sony was contemplating the wreckage yesterday from a turbulent few days at its film division which saw the ousting of Mark Canton as chairman of its Columbia TriStar pictures business, and a thoroughly public and embarrassing rejection of an offer to take the newly vacant job from Arnold Rifkin, a top Los

Angeles talent agent.
Mr Canton's responsibilities have been handed over in the meantime to Lucy Fisher, a 46year-old Sony executive who joined Columbia TriStar as a vice chairman only six months ago. Concerned for the welfare of her three daughters, Ms Fisher has made it plain that she does not want to take on Mr Canton's old title or the full weight of his former job, however.

The dramas are only the latest chapter in Sony's thoroughly troubled interlude in Hollywood, which began with the late-1989 purchase of Columbia Studios for almost \$5bn (£3.2bn). In 1994, after a particularly bad year at the box of-

\$2.7bn from its investment. In its search for profits and stability, Sony has also suffered an unusually high turnover of senior Home.

executives. The demise of Mr Canton is the president of the Sony group, Idei Nobuyuki, may eventually be forced into at least a partial retreat from Hollywood, either by making a public offering, seeking a partner or selling his

studios outright to a competitor.
Mr Canton, who is yet to negotiate the terms of his departure, apparently came unstuck because of a series of disap-pointments in Sony's 1996 film line-up. Most painful for the studio was the relatively poor performance of the film Cable Guy, conceived as a vehicle for the comedian Jim Carrey. There was collective shock in Hollywood when Sony agreed to pay Mr Carrey \$20m for that single

Other flops this year have included The Fan and Multiplicity. The studio is none the less believed to have a fairly promising line-up for the coming

top films in the US box office charts this last weekend: Maximum Risk and Fly Away

The offer of Mr Canton's job to Mr Rifkin was made by Alan Levine, the president of Sony Pictures. In a humiliating re-buttal however, Mr Rifkin, who is the top talent agent at the William Morris Agency, turned it down in favour of a new, and presumably newly lucrative, salary at the agency.

Some observers believe that the Mr Levine may also find his job loosened by the unhappy episode, even though he has en-joyed the consistent support of Mr Nobuyuki in the past. The word is also out among analysis that Jeff Sagansky, the executive vice president of Sony Corp of America, based in New York, may also be negotiating to jump

Last December saw the sudden departure of Michael Schulhol, president of the group's US operations. He was also seen as the victim of a series of studio flops, the most notable of them, The Last Action Hero.



Early exit: Mark Canton, who is yet to negotiate the terms of his departure, apparently came unstuck because of a series of disappointments in Sony's 1996 film line-up

Bayer and Roche plan OTC merger in US

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Bayer, the German drugs and chemicals group, plans to merge its US over-the-counter drugs operation with Swiss rivals Roche. The deal, Bayer said, would add at least \$200m (£129m) to its OTC business nexi year.

and women's health formulations. The combined entity is expected to have sales of \$275m in its early years, although Bay-cr's asprin will not be sold by the new entity.

It is just two years since Bay-er paid SmithKline Beecham The merger, unveiled yes-terday, involves the formation its brand name in North Amer-\$1bn to buy back the right to use

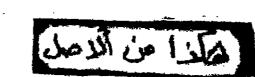
of a 50-50 joint venture to mar-ket non-prescription analysis ica, seized by the US govern-ment during the First World War. Bayer will handle sales and marketing in the venture, which the German group claimed would now be a contender for third place amongst over-thecounter groups in US "and will compete even more significantly in the US OTC analgesic

market".

the trend to "self-medication" and the desire by insurance companies and governments to cut health costs.

The venture will include Roche's Aleve analgesic and Femsial 3 for vaginal yeast infections, which Bayer said would That market is estimated to add at least \$200m to sales of

be worth around \$12.5bn or a quarter of the world's total. worth \$600m in 1995. Bayer products to be sold by the new venture will include Actron and analgesics, Midol mensirual pain reliever and Mycelex-7 vaginal yeast infection treatment. Other big Bayer brands such as Alka-Selizer, Alka-Seltzer Plus, One-A-Day and Flintstones vitamies will be excluded from the dial.





The way

Why PDFM is right to leave the bull party early

Arriving late and leaving early may not be quite the thing for the hardened parture of the policy but name, a once great banking dynasty returned to a brass plate somewhere inside the policy but name, a once great banking dynasty returned to a brass plate somewhere inside the policy but name, a once great banking dynasty returned to a brass plate somewhere inside ty-goer, but at least you live longer if you follow this boringly sensible way of doing things. The same is true of investment. The most consistently successful traders are those who jump aboard the trend only once well established, and then hop off long before it breaks. Arrive early and you risk ridicule, awkwardness and even the possibility that out of fustration and boredom, you'll leave before the party gets properly underway. Leave late and you are all too likely to get caught up in the party's drunken,

and usually bitter end. By following the party-pooper's approach, you miss out on the bonanza element of the upswing, but if you intend to be around for the long term, you're going to have a much better time of it. Hardly anyone gets their timing spot on more than once. Which is why the approach being adopted by Phillips & Drew Fund Management is so interesting. Some months ago it advised clients to go liquid; more than 15 per cent of its nonproperty funds are now in cash. This may not sound like much, but for pension fund money it is pretty much unprecedented. As the FT-SE 100 share index soars to within spitting distance of the 4,000 mark, PDFM stands accused of getting its timing funda-

took the view some while back that valuations, here and more particularly on Wall Street, had become dangerously high. Every instinct tells you that he is right, that what we are witnessing is the last throws of the bull market. The question is not whether it is going to fall but when and how much further it's got to rise before it does. To support the bull case for equities, you have to believe the economy has changed fundamentally for the better, here and in the US. In other words, you have to believe that growth will continue to outstrip inflation into the indefinite future. Furthermore, you have to believe that corporate profits will continue the trend of recent years of taking an ever larger share of any wealth created. While these trends might continue for a couple more years hence, it requires a tremendous leap of faith to think they'll persist any long than that. The job of the mar-ket is to anticipate the future. PDFM is

Crossed lines on rail sell-off

Before he embarked, misguidely as it transpires, on his return trip to merchant banking, John MacGregor gave the nation rail privatisation. The bank he quit politics to raise with Secured is now defined in all mentally wrong.

Time will tell, but it seems more than possible that the last laugh will belong to Tony
Dye, PDFM's astute head of investment.

doing the right thing in leaving early.

The world of private railways, meanwhile steams on. But the Government's original intention of creating a new competitive rail-way by breaking BR into a thousand tiny pieces is looking more clapped out by the day. The disclosure that the Japanese bank Nomura is looking around for a train operating company to add to its existing rolling stock leasing business, Angel Train Con-tracts, is as clear an illustration as you could get of the way the industry is consolidating. even before the process of dismantling

has been completed. Mr MacGregor and his advisers around at the Department of Transport always assumed that the privatisation of BR would be followed by the eventual emergence of a handful of large and powerful groups operating more than one Train Operating Company (TOC).
What they had not reckoned on is the sort

of vertical integration we are now witness-ing with Nomura's plan to get into the business of running trains as well as leasing them. This is not a dastardly or exclusively Japanese plot to colonise the railways Brian Souter's Stagecoach got there first by picking up two passenger franchises, serving notice that it planned to bid for the remaining 12, and then swooping to buy one of the other rolling stock companies, Porterbrook Leasing.

grated railway groups is clear - to furnish their rolling stock businesses with captive markets when their fixed term contracts with the TOCs begin to expire. The Japanese have watched Mr Souter wriggle free from more OFT and MMC investigations than most of us have had British Rail breakfasts and are working on the assumption that his Stagecoach-Porterbrook deal will also escape the clutches of the competition authorities.

If rail privatisation is to have any credibility then it is important that Mr Mac-Gregor's successors in government prove the Japanese wrong.

George keeps his eye on EMU Target

Of all the arguments about monetary union to have hit the headlines recently, the row over the Target clearing system for the new currency is the most obscure. In a nutshell, if we do not join monetary union, our banks may find themselves the victims

French and Germans banks have been urging their governments to deny British banks full participation in Target so as to help them grab market share from London. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, thinks it a shabby tactic, but at the same time he does't believe it will have

The idea behind these vertically inte- much impact even if it succeeds, because there are so many alternative ways of clearing the new curos. After all, Britain has long been the dominant offshore centre for dollars, without access to the Federal Reserve.

But let's accept it does disadvantage London a bit. Those who worry about the City's standing if Britain stays out should take heart from another area of the financial system, where London has the whip hand over its Continental rivals. This is the question of whether the European Central Bank will use reserve requirements as a tool of monetary control, as envisaged in its

The idea is that banks are made to statules. deposit funds with the central bank at below market rates, as a way of curbing the money supply without raising interest rates. The Bank of England strongly dissapproves of this approach, for not only is it less effective than interest rates, it also amounts to a tax on banks. Germany has found that its use of reserve requirements has simply driven Deutschmark banking business to free wheeling Luxembourg.

If the European Central Bank attempts

to use reserve requirements to control the Euro, and Britain stays out of EMU, there would almost certainly be a huge and lucrative flight of banking business to London. The City should be praying that the advocates of reserve requirements come out on top at the ECB.

IN BRIEF

European unemployment declines

There were 17.9 million unemployed in the EU in June. The pan-European unemployment rate edged down to 10.7 per cent in July from 10.9 per cent in March, returning to the same level as a year earlier.

Unemployment has been declining steadily for two to three years in Denmark, the UK, Spain and Finland. In recent months it has also been coming down in Belgium, the Netherlands and Portugal. But rates are noticeably higher than a year ago in Germany (8.9 per cent this July compared to 8.1 per cent last year) and France (11.7 per cent versus 11.2 per cent).

Conoco starts production at Scottish field

The oil and gas group Conoco has started production at its Banff field off the east coast of Scotland just 10 months after getting development approval from the Government. Conoco, which is working in partnership with Ranger Oil, said production from Banff's two wells started yesterday and would be stepped up into full scale output in six months time. A spokesman declined to reveal the cost of the development at Banff, which was first dis-

Multimedia boosts Dorling Kindersley

Strong growth in sales of multimedia publications helped Dorling Kindersley to a 37 per cent increase in pre-tax profits in the year by June from £12.7m to £17.4m. More than three-quarters of the company's £174m sales, up 26 per cent, were struck over-seas, with the US being the strongest market, although Peter Kindersley warned that the US retail market for multimedia products was "more challenging than in the past". The shares closed

Morgan Crucible hints at disposals

Morgan Crucible, the carbon brushes to speciality chemicals group, said it was continuing to look for acquisitions in its speciality chemicals operation and hinted at further disposals. Analysts suggested the precision engineering and Laser Diode defence electronics businesses, now back in profit, were the most likely candidates

The group shrugged off the General Motors strike in the US and patchy conditions in Europe to record a strong rise in first-half profits, which rose from £42m to £51.4m in the six months

Operating profits up £15 per cent to £57.6m included £2.4m from Carl Noite, a German crucible maker, and Magna, a Hong Kong speciality chemicals operation, acquired this year. The Kong speciality chemicals operation, acquired this year. The interim dividend rises 5.6 per cent to 6.6p. The group said it interim dividend rises 5.6 per cent to 15 per cent margins by was still on target to achieve close to 15 per cent margins by 1000s

Interim profit rise at Travis Perkins

Travis Perkins, the builders' merchant, saw pre-tax profits rise to £17.2m from £16.9m in the half-year to June. Tony Travis, the chairman, said housing starts continued to fall in the first half, but more recently mortages appropriate and recently mortages appropriate and recently mortages. recently mortgage approvals, net reservations of new homes and housing transactions had all increased.

"While these improvements have yet to result in any signifi-cant improvement in demand for building materials, they offer some encouragement for the future," he added.

Whittard of Chelsea to open more stores

Maiden full-year figures from Whittard of Chelsea, the tea and coffee retailer that floated on the Alternative Investment Market in June, emerged in line with expectations with a 39 per cent rise in sales to 521 8m producing a 37 per cent profits in sales to 521 8m producing a 37 per cent profits in sales to 521 8m producing a 37 per cent profits rise in sales to £21.8m producing a 37 per cent profits increase

Four new shops have opened in London since June and new openings mean the chain now has 26 outlets in Japan. The shares closed unchanged at 145.5p.

Caradon bolsters German link

Caradon bought an additional 84,244 shares in Weru for DM56.4m (£24m), taking its shareholding to 64.8 per cent. Since the acquisition by Caradon of its initial 50.1 per cent holding in 1995, the acquisition by Caradon of its initial 50.1 per cent holding in 1995, Weru has developed as Caradon's principal Continental European business in doors and mindows. Caradon said it aimed to pean business in doors and windows. Caradon said it aimed to buy more shares in Weru.

Blacks Leisure appoints finance director

Blacks Leisure, the sportswear retailer, said it has appointed David.

Smith as group finance director. Prior to his appointment, Mr.

Smith spent five years with Speedo, the swimwear brand owned by Pentland, initially as finance director of Speedo Finance. by Pentland, initially as finance director of Speedo Europe and latterly as senior vice president of Speedo International.

House building downturn at Redrow

Redrow reported a drop in profits from the housebuilder's continuing operations in the year to June. They fell to £26.5m from tinuing operations in the year to June. They fell to £26.5m from tinuing operations in the first holf called "automatic difficult" trading conditions in the first holf called "automatic difficult" trading conditions in the first holf called "extremely difficult" trading conditions in the first half. But the improvement in the housing market witnessed during the specific had continued, he noted, and profits should advance this

Liffe and LCE merge

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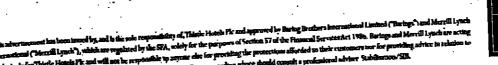
The London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) and the London Commodity Exchange (LCE) began operating as a merged market yesterday with unified administration, exchange systems and clearing arrangements.

Liffe's chairman, Jack Wigglesworth, said: "The merger of Liffe and the LCE today creates the only exchange in the world to offer trading in futures and options on financial agricultural and the LCE today creates the only exchange in the world to offer trading in futures and options on financial, agricultural, soft commodity and equity index products, as well as options on individual equities, and so strengthens London's position as Europe's leading financial centre.

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Hays benefits from winning formula in niche markets

Another set of sparkling figures from Hays yesterday will have some Christian Salvesen shareholders ruing the sentimental attachment of that company's controlling family to its independence. In a difficult logistics market that has claimed its fair share of scalps in recent years,

Hays clearly has a winning formula. Profits in the 12 months to June were up an impressive 20 per cent to £132m, in line with expectations and leading to a similar rise in earnings per share to 8.1p and a useful 16 per cent dividend hike to 8.1p. Rather churlishly, the shares shed a couple of pence on confirmation of the good result to close at 479p.

Part of Hays' strength lies in its leading position in attractive niches of the distribution market, which for many of its peers has become uncomfortably competitive since the fat-margin days of the 1980s ended for good in the last recession.

Hays also benefits from three distinct areas of operations which smooths the ups and downs in any one. Some observers view Hays rather heavy dependence on personnel and recruitment business as a minus, but with strong brand names such as Accountancy Personnel it is well placed to ride out

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In the distribution core which accounts for more than half of sales and almost half of profits, there was an expected slowdown after record levels last year in the UK and Europe, Again a strong position in the chem-

ical distribution niche helped. from express document delivery for saw profits up 19 per cent. This business has enviable operating margins ceptionals, including £21.9m of losses notinced yesterday. Laporte has sensible of more than 30 per cent which on disposals, there was a slump in trised close to folia from disposals believed the company of a paleto. helped the company as a whole raise £55m of free cash flow and meant interest payments were covered a comfortable 20 times.

With analysts happy to leave their forecasts unchanged for the current year at about £150m, everything seems set fair. Sadly, on a prospec-tive price/earnings ratio of 19 it is in the price. Hold.

Laporte strips for action

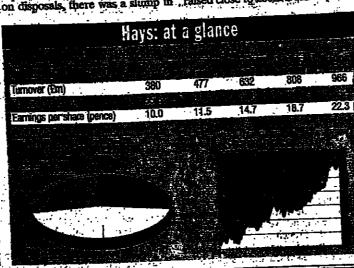
Jim Leng arrived as chief executive of Laporte a year ago with a bang quickly clearing out the chemicals company's old guard and issuing a profits warning. His actions raised

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Commercial work, everything was up to shaping however.

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some eyebrows but yesterday's halfway figures suggest he knew what he
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hide the effects of the group's rehide the effects of the group's rehas been reached shead of time, with more sales to come, and the new Laporte is already looking a lot more

Now focused on businesses such as electronics and fine chemicals, where management expects growth rates of at least 45 per cent, or where it has leading market positions, like electronics again, compounds and water technology, the group is well placed to grow. Mr Leng puts the natural rate of growth at 4.6 per cent. natural rate of growth at 4-6 per cent, before any enhancement that can be squeezed from mix, price and further cost savings, expected to be £10m

The only problem area in the halfyear was speciality organic chemicals, used in pharmaceuticals and polymers, where profits slid from £14.2m to £8.9m. A big contract with BASF ended and Laporte, a supplier to Glazo Wellcome, will be hit when the drugs group's best-selling Zantac comes off patent in March.
Even so, and with the shares on a

is better than for many in the sec-tor and an expected sale of the old Evode adhesives and scalants businesses would provide a fillip. Hold.

Dalgety dogged by food scares

It's been a pig of a year for pet food giant Dalgety. Up until March it had to wrestle with soaring cereal and soya prices, which have been rising faster than at any time since the 1970s. Then the BSE crisis struck. Exports of petfoods from the UK into Continental Europe were banned, ingredient sales were hit. while stock containing meat and bone meal had to be written off. All told BSE cost Dalgety £15m

- £10m less than indicated three months ago - but Dalgety is confident no further "mad cow" provi-sions will be needed now that manufacturing has been rescheduled and products reformulated. Another £5m was lost as a result of

Holland involving a dry petfood that killed 330 cats and, to cap it all, local yielding 8.3 per cent. Avoid.

diary, the Pig Improvement Company, to drop plans to build Britain's baggest As all of this was while the £465m acquisition of Quaker's European petfood business was being bedder down it is easy to see why Daigety's chief executive Richard Clothier described the year to June as "character forming to say the least.

Excluding one off items, pre-tax

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profits fell by a fifth to £102m, including £52.7m (£33.4m) of Quaker reorganisation costs. Adding back the f64.4m gained on the disposal of the Golden Wonder bagged snacks business restricted the pre-tax setback to 4 per cent, to £89.6m. The uncovered dividend was held at 22p.

Mr Clothier remains convinced that buying Quaker's European petfood business was the right strategic move. Maybe, but apart from Felix, the old Spillers petfood business is struggling against stiff competition from Mars and Nestlé. Worse, the Quaker deal has boosted petfood profits by less than £10m to £36.1m - a poor return on the

£550m, including £84m of restructuring costs, shareholders forked out. Profits of £120m in 1997 would put the shares, at 329p, on a p/e of 12,

BUSINESS & PEOPLE Cook's guide for property world

Iain Watters, executive chairman of MPEC, has every reason to look pleased with himself as he tucks into his favourite Sunday lunch, foie gras at Cliveden, the country house retreat.

The property chief has gone on a sponsored slim for charity and has shed 13.6 kilos from his former 115.4 kilo-self. Now Mr Watters has

teamed up with Derek Penfold, a journalist, to compile a book of top property peoples' favourite eating habits. Mr Watters has written to a number of leading lights in the property world asking for a minimum of £1,000 sponsorship and a contribution to the book as well.

The funds raised will be for Centrepoint, the charity which helps London's homeless young people.
The newly trim Mr Watters

says: "This book will virtually be a who's who of the property world – as well as an inva able guide to the sort of dish you should serve up at your next networking opportunity." So it looks like carrot juice and nut cutlets all round at

your next property dinner. Better take a sandwich. Michael Hicks, head of UK sales trading at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull Securities, is so superstitious he makes Mystic Meg look

like a professor of Logical Positivism. Mr Hicks has made a rule of never going to work on Fri-day the thirteenth, believing it to be bad luck. Last Friday he stayed away and was instead

involved in a car crash.

The Hicks dread of the date has a good pedigree. He say: "Once I lost a lot of money at poker. Another time I crashed into a horse at night. Then there was the hotel room numbered 12a at Gatwick which should have been numbered 13, where we were delayed

And so on and on. But last Friday his caution was to no avail. He had agreed to drop his wife off to deliver some material for the local WI. "I parked the car in the thoroughfare. I had the radio on, I picked up the new copy of Punch - and then a

woman with a tow bar on her car ran into the front, she bashed in my front bumper

and broke the number plate. The ill-fated Mr Hicks continues: "We started to argue and a crowd started to assemble. Finally I got away and went to have a cup of tea. I was shaking with anger. Then the tea shop told me they had just stopped serving.

Something tells me a

lucrative career on the telly awaits Mr Hicks if he ever tires of equities.

There's a certain amount of stirring in the dovecots over at 10 Lombard Street, hear office of Lloyds TSB, where the rumour is that Sir Brian Pitman is about to be promoted from group chief executive to chairman.

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Sir Brian has done a much better job than Margaret Thatcher of going on and on



Dosh for nosh: lain Watters, fundraising for Centrepoint

and on. He has been asked by the bank's board to stay on as group boss twice, despite being well past the normal Lloyds retirement age of 60. He will be 65 in December.

The rumours have been stoked by a board meeting due on Friday. The present chairman, Sir Robin Ibbs, is leaving next spring and the banking fraternity is agog at who will try to fill Sir Brian's shoes if he does ascend to

the chairmanship. The two deputy group chief executives, Peter Ellwood and Alan Moore, are in the running, while Archie Norman of Asda has been mentioned as an outsider. How about Richard Branson?

John Willcock

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Sharpe & Fisher (I)	33.7m (31.2m)	1.54m (1.65n		- 18p (1.7p)
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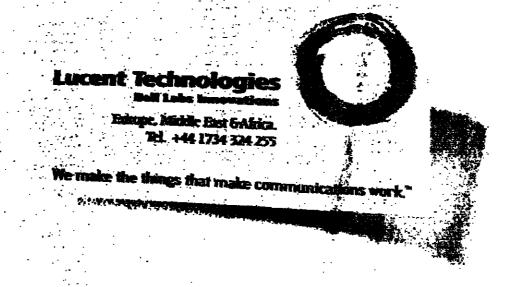
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We are seeing a flurry of excitement about preparations for EMU in Germany and France. Last Friday saw a deal on the German budget, agreeing cuts in public spending, in particular on social security, which would bring the fiscal deficit closer to the 3 per cent Maastricht fimit. France will this week announce a budget that will seek to do much the same. Meanwhile, Germany and France are pressing for some kind of post-EMU deal to stop countries that have joined the system from running lax fiscal policies after they have signed up. Expect some kind of agreement to be reached at the Dublin meeting of EU ministers and

central bank governors on Friday.
So, it would seem, it is all go. But we are not learning from this flurry of action any new information on whether EMU will start on time, or whether it will happen at all. To an overwhelming extent this is a political decision and there is no new political information, except that Chancellor Kohl can get a budget through Parliament, which everybody

enew already. Insofar as economics are relevant, the main issue is whether a sufficiently strong recovery can be sustained in Germany and France to withstand the fiscal tightening which



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we have had in recent weeks simply confirms the fact that Germany is managing an OK recovery and France is not. You can see that on the left-hand chart, together with some (quite optimistic) forecasts for the next 18 months from the US

bank, JP Morgan. The next chart shows business expectations, which have perked up in Germany but show virtually no sign of doing so in France, while the third

with the economy, but also their ideas of the appropriate boundaries of the

Both countries are tightening fiscal policy at a time when the economy is very weak, but at the same time they are cutting personal taxation. That breaks the old rules in a similar way to Sir Geoffrey Howe's famous 1981 Budget, which was derided by the economic dons at the of doing so in France, while the third time, but which arguably created the chart shows one of the reasons why: goodish export growth in Germany, French and the Germans are in ef-

Even more interesting is the idea

We have been seeing a seismic shift in German and French fiscal policy'

and it is new.

but a worrying downtrend in France. Since meeting the 3 per cent limit requires a strong economic performance in both countries through 1997, the message from all this is that Germany might have some chance of meeting Maastricht criteria provided they are relaxed enough, but that it is very difficult to see France doing so unless they are redefined is some quite radical way.

But we sort of knew that, too. So what is new?

I think it is this. We have in the past few days been witnessing the early stages of a seismic shift in Gerboth countries are imposing. Here man and French fiscal policy which ister, Horst Seehofer, acknowledged that these cuts were a minimal programme and Germany would have to save much more. That was just two days after the hard-fought parliamentary battle.

If it is hard to cut spending by agreement within the German system of consensus government, it may happen by the same process as the US: by revenues being cut away. You can get political approval for tax cuts even if you cannot for spending cuts. So you push through the tax cuts with the argument that tax cuts are needed to stimulate economic growth, and then, when revenues fall short of expectations, a widening deficit forces spending cuts.

That at least is the theory. One could even blame Maastricht convergence criteria for the subsequent need to trim the deficit, citing the sanctions to be agreed (if they are) in Dublin on Friday.

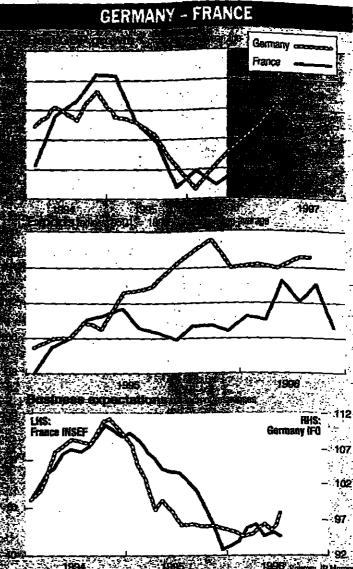
As for France, we will get a better picture when we see details of the budget. But expect the same pattern of net fiscal tightening plus tax cuts. Expect, too, to see a big effort to start getting the French social security sysfect saying that they no longer be-lieve that a fiscal deficit can promote economic growth, and that only tax cuts on personal income (even if more than offset by public spending tem off the state balance sheet. At cuts) can do so. This is interesting the weekend we had a statement from the French authorities that they were pressing ahead with a private that the role of the state will from sector pension scheme to supplement now on start to shrink in France and the state-run one. This would be a Germany. Nobody is putting this in funded system, rather than pay-asso many words but look at the eviyou-go. At this stage there is no sugdence. In Germany we have just had a budget which at last cut back the gestion that it will take over from the state system or represent any weakening of commitment to that. But in social security system and has been vigorously attacked by the unions. practice it looks as though France is But there is much, much more to come. Social security spending would seeking to establish something much more like the British system, with a still, under the new plans, account basic pay-as-you-go

for more than 30 per cent of GDP. supported by private sector schemes, Over the weekend the health min-

This evidence might seem a bit thin to support the argument that a radical rethink of the role of the state is taking place in France and Germany: a couple of annual budgets which nibble at the problem, a few statements by politicians, some quite limited spending cuts and the promises of falling personal taxation in the future.

That is a fair criticism. The evidence is thin at the moment, the signals pretty weak. In any case, these signals about a shift of policy are to some extent drowned out by the noisy debate about EMU. But I suggest that there is enough evidence to say that a turning point may have been reached. European politicians are beginning to talk in a quite dif-ferent way from the language they used five years ago. What has been happening in Britain is not so important, but the progress of the US economy, in particular its ability to cut unemployment to the 5-6 per cent region, has had an enormous effect. So too has the fact that Continental European countries compare them-selves not just with North America but also with the tiger economies of East Asia, where unemployment

(and taxation) is even lower. But if you wait for the evidence to pile up, you miss the turning point.
I suspect that when we look back on this period 20 or more years hence, we will focus not on the preparations for EMU as such but the change in public attitudes in both France and Germany to the role of the state. Every few days which pass reveal another building block of what will become the new model for the



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down 3.5p to 302.5p and J Unilever was one of the Sainsbury 4p lower at 378.5p. Blembeim was an outstandday's best performers, climbing 20p to a 1,406.5p peak. The Anglo-Dutch giant is still scor-ing from its US presentation pany signalled bid talks were on again. The shares jumped and the proposed reshaping of its brands portfolio. But some ponder about increasing mar-gin pressure in Europe, high-lighted last week by Nestie, the

bid, gained 3.5p to 340p.

Rasynet, the internet service provider, scored the day's best gain, up 52 per cent to 58.5p Cable and Wireless refollowing signals of a possible sponded to a Merrill Lynch Microsoft tie-up and an upbeat forecast of 500p a share, gainstatement on its subscriber ing 7.5p to 448.5p. Railtrack's strong run was

Sears, results today, edged forward 2p to 97p. Talk of disposals and take over bids overshadowed what are expected to be decidedly poor figures. Dalgety, which duly produced weak profits, managed a 2p gain to 329p, largely on the back of vague stories of a

Nestlé bid. Protean, a water treatment group, was the day's disaster story, down 80.5p to 169p following a warning of poor re-sults from its German off-shoot. Four weeks ago it raised £5.1m through a placing at 245p a share.

Pan Andean Resources added 11p to 135.5p (after 138.5p) as some detected encouraging smoke signals from its Bolivian exploration well. There are hopes the drilling resuits will be known in the next few days. The shares were in single figures before the market was gripped by the Bolivian

oil high flyer, Tuskar Resources, was suspended at 1.5p as it moved to take a 40 per cent stake in an oil mining lease off Nigeria. The vendor, the Camac/Allied group, will end with control of Tuskar. At the height of its Colombian oil adventure six years ago Tuskar's shares nudged 100p.

Freeport Leisure, running factory outlet shopping vil-lages, gained 6p to 120.5p. James Kerr-Muir, ex-Kingfisher, is to become chairman. Profits were £878,400 against £102, 622.

Malaya, the garage group, shaded to 12p as a 7.5 per cent stake, part of the estate of a former director, was placed at Biotrace International mak-

around 8p. ing equipment to test for food and drink contamination, gained 1p to 67.5p; Baring Asset Management has an 11.18 per cent stake.

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TRPS, an environmental consultancy, is heading for record fee income this year with profits of \$2.9m (against £2.2m) forecast by stockbroker Albert E Sharp. It has a host of blue chip clients, Latest coup was the buy out of HMSO where it conducted a due diligence exercise. As buyers become increasingly aware of contaminated land and pollution risks, RPS's due diligence work is growing. The shares held at

133.5p.

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TAKING STOCK

Dean Corporation, a housebuilder and property maintenance group, lifted half-year profits from \$43,933 to £352, 876 and should nudge £800,000 for the year. Chairman Stephen Dean is looking for acquisitions; he hopes to double the company's size in the next year. Shares gained 2.5p to 14p; the high is 17p.

probably out-of-pocket. splashed with red ink. loss was an irrelevance. They



were more interested in the index's slow, painful progress towards the important 4,000 points level. 9.3 (after 12.9) points higher at 3,977.2 with a strong New

York display largely ignored. Blue chips continue to draw comfort from the encouraging run of company results, expectations of lower interest rates and the generally favourable economic outlook.

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Sport

Bluff a trump card in Barron's hand

"He won it quite well," David Barron says as he reflects on Coastal Bluff's Stewards' Cup. It is a comment which elevates understatement to the realms of

It would be wrong to say that Coastal Bluff turned the season's most competitive sprint handicap at Goodwood last month into a procession, for there was nothing procession-al about the typically desperate manner in which the other 29 runners scrapped for second

By the time they reached the post, though, Barron's runner on a handicap mark of 91 - had long since sailed past it on a tight rein. The gap between winner and pursuers was almost sufficient to allow the spectators a check of the watch and an embarrassed shuffle of their feet.

Even Lochsong, who matured into the best sprinter of her generation, did not rout her field so thoroughly when win-ning the Stewards off a handicap mark of just 82, four years previously.

Little wonder, then, that despite a recent headlong charge up the weights, Coastal Bluff is the 6-1 favourite for the Ayr Gold Cup on Saturday, in which he must give weight to the en-

Victory would complete a notable season in the big sprints for Barron, who prepared Musical Season to win the Portland Handicap at Doncaster last week despite the gelding's three-month absence from the track. At Ayr, it seems little will be left to chance, and both Musical Season, a 14-1 shot after yesterday's five-day declaration stage, and For The Present

a fire yesterday at the Wiltshire

stables of the trainer Jim Old,

who won the Champion Hurdle

with Collier Bay at Cheltenham

in March. The blaze broke out

at a barn in the early hours of

yesterday morning at Upper

Forty horses were in the barn

botted by a neighbour who

freed the animals and called the

emergency services, police said.

5.20 Chain Reaction

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GOING: Good

Herdswick Farm.

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hald"

Greg Wood talks to a trainer aiming a

list. Their trainer, however, has no doubts about the relative merits of his team.

"On everything they've ever done together, and he'll have turned to better things worked with virtually every "It served a purpose for sprinter we've had during the year. Coastal Bluff would be head and shoulders above the lot of them," Barron said yesterday. "He's got to the stage in the handicap now where he needs a little help, like a good draw, and we'd have liked a little rain to ease the ground. But I've a fair idea of what the oth-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Chain Reaction (Yarmouth 5,20) NB: Barnum Sands (Sandown 4.00)

er two are like and for me they're weighted up to their best, whereas I haven't a clue just how good Coastal Bluff is." Barron took out his first li-

cence at the dog-end of the 1960s, and in his time he has squeezed more than enough victories from bad horses to recog-nise a good one. And if the mark of a good trainer is not so much the horses they prepare as the people, he can point to David Nicholls and Alex Greaves. Both were stable jockeys at Barron's yard near Thirsk, and as husband and wife they are now running one of the shrewdest stables in the coun-

For several seasons, the part-

cape had to be put down later.

fighters took several hours to

bring the blaze under control.

An investigation into its cause

is under way. A police spokes-woman said: "It is still too ear-

ly to say if foul play was involved. It is still very hot and

Meanwhile, stable staff were

beginning the long process of

clearing up. It is thought the

Four fire engines and 29 fire-

Four horses killed

by fire at Old's yard

Four horses died as a result of two more that did manage to es-

hen the fire started. It was damping down is going on."

YARMOUTH

HYPERION

2.35 Tart (Fr) 3.10 Bint Shadayid 3.45 Smithereens 4.15 Portelet 4.45 Uncle George

GUING: GOOD

STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f to 1m.

Left-hand course, level and fair.

Course is north of town Al 48. Varmouth station a mile away.

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ADMISSION: Club \$112; Tagersalls \$8.50; Family and course closure \$1.50. CAR PARK; \$1.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Dark Shot (4.45), Clued Up (visored,

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: How's Ver Father (4.45) has been sent 258 miles by R Hodges from Charlton Adam, Somer-

2.35 BROOKE CLAMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 370 1m 3f 101yds

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11 0-50010 MORRA (CO) P MARPHY (CO) P

3.10 JOHN MUSKER STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £17,000 added filles 1m 2f 21yds

3.45 WILLIAM BULWER LONG MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added 57 43yds

team of three at the Ayr Gold Cup

(20-1) are among the first dozen nership of Barron and Greaves names on Ladbrokes' latest cleaned up on the all-weather circuit in much the same way that O'Brien and Piggott used to do in the Classics, but the trainer's attention has now

"It served a purpose for us in the early days," he says, "but it depends which way you want to go and personally I'm not realinterested in it nowadays. I don't want more horses, I want better horses and, to be fair, a lot of all-weather racing now is absolute garbage."
Those better horses need

not necessarily be sprinters, though for now he has little choice. "It's just the way things turn out. You can buy horses for not a lot of money that could turn out to be quite decent sprinters, but with the middledistance and staying horses, you have to spend money to get those boys."

The orders would surely arrive, though, if Coastal Bluff could progress as Barron feels he should. "If he proves to be as good as we think he is, his career is quite easy to map out," he says. "It's when you've got a horse on 75 and you know his real mark should be 65, that's when you have problems. He's a great big horse, and the one thing I'm certain of is that if he stays sound, there's better to come from him."

Who knows. If Coastal Bluff continues to improve, we may even discover just what he needs to do to persuade his trainer that "he won it very

Two Tarts spell trouble

Two horses named Tart seem certain to cause confusion in betting shops today. Punters should mark their slips carefully as the two have been declared for races at Yarmouth and Sandown this afternoon.

Tart (FR), a French-bred filly trained by James Fanshawe, runs in the opening event at Yarmouth.

But it is a different filly from Tart - without the suffix - who will turn out for Fulke Johnson-Houghton in the last race on

Sandown's card. But two horses, trapped by horses that died were four of Bets on either horse which do the smoke and flames, died Old's younger horses but they not clearly state the intended from their injuries inside and had not been named last night. race could be declared void. _____ F Eggen (_____R Cockmon (

4.15 BRIAN VAYLOR MEMORIAL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 5f 43yds

BETTRO: 9-4 Porteint, 7-2 Longhick Ltd, 9-2 Canovas Heart, 5-1 Seed Magic, 6-1 Promium Gift, 8-1 Primpin Balca, 12-1 citors

4.45 CAISTER SELLING STAKES (CLASS G)

5.20 JACK LEADER NURSERY HCAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2YO fillies 7f 3yds — 9 declared —

SETTIME: 2-1 Sint Stadeyti, 9-4 Acceles, 6-1 Yearnes, Flore Valley, 8-1
Balabalta, 10-1 Sectoric, 12-1 others

2 SAMEEL (135) (8F) Sweet by Surgor 3 8 13 ____ Detroit 126 SHAMESKY (10) P Howing 3 8 13 ____ K Rubus RACING RESULTS

NOTTINGHAM 2.00; 1. BROUGHTONS FORMULA U Quern) 16-1; 2. Requested 10-1; 3. lots 14-1; 4. Zaliba 14-1, 20 ran, 3-1 fav Euphonic. 1%, /L (W Musson). Tota; £19.30; £3.60, £3.80, £3.30, £4.80, DF: £308.40. CSF: £190.55. Tricast, £2,191.61. This not won (pool of £536.44 to Sandown 5.35 to-

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11-2.8 Fair-11-4 it fair lady Bankes (5th).
11/2. it films J Carin, Total 51.50; £1.70,
52.40, £1.10. OF: £6.00, CSF: £12.47.

Jackput: (not won, pool of £17,797.08 to Sandown today). Placepot: £852.60. Quadpot: £6.60. Place 6: £883.77. Place 6: £53.22. FONTWELL

2.15: 1. THE LEBIONS PRIDE (I Osborne)
10.3; 2. How Could 5-1; 3. Yellow Dragon 6-1. 10 ran. 3-1 fav Vardam (Idd., ck,
6. (I) Hay. Toke: 64.30; 61.30, 61.20, 62.20.
DP: 512.40, CSP: 519.55. This 542.50.
2.45: 1. NAHEMBRAL (A PIACDA) 9-4 far,
7. Credit Confroller 11.1: 3. Miranate 11.
2. 10 ran. 13, 7. (A Moore) Toke: 53.20.
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2. Drumstick: 5-2. 4 ran. 8-11 fav Henley
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Placepot: £397.20. Quadpot: £25.40. Place 8: £65.98. Place 5: £37.18.

EACINES ETURES MARKET

Readers can catch up with the the King George winner Pentire latest developments - best - 10-1(Tote) - in the Group prices are in bold - in this Three Prix Foy over a mile and sphere with The Independent's Tuesday service.

GOING: Good to From (watering).

STALLS: Straight — stands side; rest—inside.
DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best at 5(.

Bight-hand course. Separate still 5f track.

Course is on A307, 4m south of Engelson. Either station (service from London, Waterios) stilloin course. Check brochure for all prices. ADMISSION: Chab & Grandstand (Combined) \$112. Junior Cath (16—25yrs) \$10; Park \$4. CAR PARK: \$2 in members (More Lanc), resustander free.

4.30 Fatefully (nb) 5.00 Lord High Admiral

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EURORERS: R Hausson - 41 winners from 326 runners gives a success ratio of 12.6% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 560.42; M Stoute - 25 winners, 155 runners, 19.5%, 529.21; J Geodon - 23 winners, 115 runners, 20.6%, +50.20; J Drailey - 20 winners, 112 runners, 17.5%, 514.91.

J Drailey - 20 winners, 112 runners, 17.5%, 514.91.

B LRADING JOCKETS: Pat Beidery - 59 wins, 255 rides, 20.7%, 51.18; L Dettori - 59 wins, 216 rides, 17.5%, 514.99; T Orden - 25 wins, 204 rides, 14.2%, 518.13; W Carson - 27 wins, 195 rides, 13.6%, 557.39.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Leaner Lewis (visored, 5.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Doort Get Caught (3.25) won at Leicester on Tender.

2.15 Hype Enerygy 2.50 Alphabet 3.25 Don't Get Caught

4.00 CINEMA PARADISO (nap)

LONG-DESTANCE EUNNEES: Gasic Storm (2.15) has been sent 249 soles by M John- ston From Middleham, North Turkshire.											
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BETTRIC: 5-2 Hype Bourge, 9-2 Northern St. 5-1 Rise in Shine, 7-1 Geolic Storm, 10-1 Heart
Tirols, 12-1 Hever Golf Lover, 14-1 others,
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FORM GUIDE FORM GINDE

HYPE ENERGY best only a couple home on her introduction in the 18-runner race won by Johnny Szaccetts at Windsor lest month when Nordmens Girl finished a two-and-a-telf-length runner-up and M R Poly 13th. However, Geoff Lexis's figy left trans effort behind when she ran Loving And Gaing to held a length at Bath eight days age, firshing strongly and turning around earlier running with Northern Girl, who this time finished time parts of a length behind her in third. Rise 'N States deserves a budy turn after finishing second for the titled time from the races when bestern two lengths by Jennette at Folkszonie in July..

Selection: HYPE ENERGY

3.25 WEATHERBYS SPONSORSHIP IN RACING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 7f 18yds Penaity Value £4,054

turiongs out in Vent Viol Viol's race at Kempton.

Selection: DON'T GET CAUSHT

4.00 SANDOWN FUTURITY STAKES (CLASS C) £1,200 added

270 1m 14yds Penalty Value £4,955.

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2 1 CHESIA PRINDES (5) (Chispopher Wegit) P Oile 9 1 Touris 2

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BETTING: 4-5 Cinema Paradiso, 11-8 Barram Stads, 7-1 Princess Of Hearts
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FORM (BIDE

Clineman Paradiso has won his only race to date, defeating the odds-on Jawhard (only tourth of six to Desert Story next time) and better fanded stablemate Divo two and a half lengths and threetusaness of a length when a 14-1 shot at Newbury (6) in July, He will have no trouble with the longer distance but BARNOMI SANDS is preferred. He ran fourth in the race won by the smart Medasyl from subsequent soors further Outlook on this introduction at Doncester at the end of July and the pastified favourities at Lingeled 19 days ago. By Green Desert out of Oeles winner Circus Plume, who has produced several winners, Barnum Sends will progress further and is worth following. Princess Of Reserva does not appear good enough, having glained her with in a Followstone seller before a Bath nursery for the Sheer Face.

SURPRIVANT SANDS

4.30 SURBITON HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 370 filles 1m 14yds Pensity Value £5,505 403-30 AMMELIA (RE) (27) (Byan Periodity of Limone 9 7.
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Hippy, 12-1 others 1995: Danne Viola 3 9 2 L Newton 10-1 (C F Vivil) 12 ran encode Guide FATEFULLY, lightly raced and open to improvement, can into all some of trouble at Don-caster last time but insined strongly once deer only to go under a head behind Bleesed Spirit later ran Select. Few to a head over counts and distance with Tsennista and Rinov Lady about of 13. Bleesed Spirit later ran Select. Few to a head over counts and distance with Tsennista and Rinov Lady again in arrests, this time in third and fourth, but Paterbuly, with a 3th advantage, jooks poised to average that Donnaster defeat. Sending, without of a making at Haydock in May, ran well in the Jessey Stales at Royal Accort and in Thraing Day's Used overt at Goodwood. One of the tenourities at Epson lest time, she led to the furfour pole before finishing an eight-length fourth to Rebel County and she would prefer some out in

5.00 WILLOW CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f Gyds Penalty Value £3,111

5.35 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,700 added 3YO 1m 3f 91yds Penelty Value £3,501

TART finished a two-length fourth of 15 behind Pares at Lalcester in June on her reappearance. Celligits Star has jet to run a had race this season and she will benefit from the Star has her not getting me best of runs and losing ground approaching the straight when third to Dauphin in an amazeurs' event at haydook. Mildia's Star has correct four times this year and his numing when market leader and beater a long way against General Clow at Brighton last time was too had to be true. He could pose a threat if back mar his best with Forgial Lynch tailing the ride. Tamperson, without of her first two races this season and not bester for when sixth of nine to Statishy Dancer of Yarmouth

The bookmakers' ante-post lists catching 12-1 (Tote). Swain is are racing's futures market.

8-1 (Ladbrokes) after beating

Ayr Gold Cup Handicap: Coastal Bluff is 8-1 with Coral - the others go 6-1 - while Musical Season is 16-1 (Tote) -Coral go 10-1 - after winning last Wednesday's Portland Handicap by 11/4 lengths over five furlongs and 140 yards at Doncaster. Patsy Grimes - only 16-1 with Coral - is 33-1 with William Hill and Ladbrokes.

Cambridgeshire Handicap: Clifton Fox and Angus-G are 16-1 (Coral) and 14-1 respectively after finishing first and second in a 10-furious handicap at Doncaster on Saturday.

Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe: Helissio is 4-1 (Ladbrokes) after his comfortable victory in the Group Two Prix Niel over a mile and a half at Longchamp on Sunday. The strong-finishing Niel runner up Darazari - 7-1 with Ladbrokes - is an eyea half. The St Leger runner up Dushyanter is 25-1 (William

Hill/Tote) - the others go 16-1. Cesarewitch Handicap: Canon Can has been backed down to 9-2 (Coral) and Trainglot is down to 14-1 (Coral). Saturday's Goodwood winner Great Easeby is 33-1 (Ladbrokes) - William Hill go 16-1. 2.000 Guineas: Bahhare is 5-1

after his 31/2 lengths victory in the Group Two Champagne Stakes over seven furlongs at Doncaster on Friday. And Revoque is 10-1 after his three lengths triumph in the Group One Prix de la Salamandre over seven furlongs at Longchamp on Sunday.

1,000 Guineas: Reams Of Verse is 16-1 (William Hill/Tote) - Coral go 10-1 - after winning Doncaster's Group Three May Hill Stakes by two lengths over a mile on Thursday.

					
Ayr Gold Cup Handicap (6f)					
Horse (Trians/weight)	Coral	WEGEN HIS	Ladbrokes	Tot	
Coastal Staff (7 D Berron/Sct 108b)	8-1	6-1	6-1	Β-:	
Salmwar (Gay Kelleway/Bst 9lb)	7-1	7-1	7-1	84	
Double Bogmon (P Makin/8st 12lb)	12-1	21-2	10-1	10-3	
Wildwood Flower (R Hannon/9st 2tb)	12-1	12-1	10-1	12-	
Double Splendour (P Felgate/Six 1th)	12-1	14-1	10-1	14-	
Musical Segmon (7 D Barron/St 119)	10-1	14-1	10-1	16-	
Sethurstpark Flyer (J Berry/Bst 8th)	14-1	14-1	12.1	16-	
Doo't Care (Miss L A Penan/Bat 10h)	16-1	16-1	14-1	20-1	
For The Present (T D Barron/8st 4lb)	20-1	20-1	14-1	16-	
Technicow (Mrs A Naughtory/Sst 11b)	16-1	20-1	14-1	16-1	
Benzoe (Mrs J Rametiery8st 3tb)	25-L	25-1	25-1	25-3	
Bold Effort (K.C-Brown/Bst, 3tb)	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-	
Bolin Jeanne (1 Easterby/Est 6tb)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-3	
Bolshoi (J Bern/Bst 9(b)	25-1	25-1	20-1	16-	
Emerging Market U Dunion/9st (8b)	20-1	25-1	20-1	16-	
Lago Di Varano (M. Johnston/Bst. 7lb)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-:	
Madly Sharp () W Wests/9st 6th)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-	
Prince Beber (J E Banks/9st 3lb)	20-1	20-1	24-1	25-3	
See-Deer (C Dayer/8st 8(b)	16-1	26-1	20-1	25-1	
Sir Joey (P Murphy/Set Sib)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-:	
Sylve Paradise (C Britsin/Bst 9tb)	25-1	20-1	14-1	25-1	
Balen Rose (M Blansherd/Bat 4fb)	33-1	33-1	33-1	33-1	
Patsy Grisses (J.S. Moore/8st 12tb)	16-1	33-1	33-1	20-1	
Golden Pound (Gey Kelleway/Bst 4lb)		33-1	40-1	20-1	
Heed to Figure (R Hodges/9st 6lb)	33-1	40-1	40-1	33-1	
Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3, 4 (Ayr. Saturday)					

Cambridgeshire Handicap (1m 1f)				
Horse (Trainer/weight)	Comi	William Hill	Ladbroken	Tota
Missile (W Hagsas/9st)	8-1	10-1	8-1	9-1
Centre Stalls (R J Houstson/9st 12lb)	10-1	10-1	8-1	12-1
Crossa Court (L Current/Bat 2(b)	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Anges-G (Mrs M Reveloy7st 7(b)	14-1	10-1	14-1	14-1
CRition Fox (/ Glover/8s; 2lb)	16-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Master Charter (Mrs. J Ramsder/980)	14-1	18-1	16-1	14-1
Sharpical (L Cumanl/7st 11lb)	16-1	12-1	14-1	12-1
Ball Gown (D Thorn/8st 12th)	16-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Penetra (L. Cumeni/7st. 11lb)	16-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Fables (A Stewart/9st 7b)	20-1	16-1	14-1	20-1
Stylish Albura (D Weld/Sst 7tb)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-1

3-1 3-2 3-1 7-1 7-1 8-1	6.1 8.1 7-1 6-1	4-1 6-1 8-1 8-1 8-1	70te 3-1 7-1 8-1 6-1 10-1
3-2 8-1 7-1 7-1	6.1 8.1 7-1 6-1	6-1 8-1 8-1	7-1 8-1 6-1
7-1 7-1	8-1 7-1 6-1	8-1 8-1	8-1 6-1
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7-1	6-1		
		8-1	10-1
2.1			
_	<u>8-1</u>	7-1	12-1
2-1	12-1	12-1	8-1
0-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
<u>8-1</u>	20-1	15-1	18-1
5-1	25-1	16-1	25-1
3-1	33-1	25-1	33-1
B-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
	8-1 6-1 6-1 3-1	0-1 18-1 8-1 20-1 6-1 25-1 3-1 33-1 3-1 25-1	0-1 16-1 15-1 6-1 20-1 15-1 6-1 25-1 16-1 3-1 33-1 25-1

Cesarewitch Handlcap (2m 2f)				
Home (Trainer/weight)	Coref	William (40)	Ludbrokes	Tota
Canon Can (H Cacl/7st 9(b)	9-2	7-2	7-2	4-1
Orchestra Stall (J Duniop/8st 1:1(b)	8-1	8-1	7-1	8-1
Sallymakethy (R Akehurst/7st 13b)	12-1	14-1	12-1	12-1
Trainglot (J FitzGerald/7st 13lb)	14-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Merit (P Cole/8st 5tb)	14-1	14-1	12-1	18-1
Top Caes (Mrs.) Ramsden/8st 8lb)	14-1	12-1	12-1	16-1
Benefore (H Cecti/Rst 6lb)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Candle Smile (M Stoure/Bst 10b)	20-1	14-1	14-1	20-1
Jayresh (H Thomson Jones/8st 3tb)	14-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Nanton Point (Lady Herries/Bst 11b)	20-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Southern Power (R Alehans/Bit 138	b) 20-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
Better Offer (G Harmood/9st 6b)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Chris's Lad (B Mechan/7st 4lb)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Empryosic (R Fisher8st)	25-1	25-1	<u>25-1_</u>	<u> 25-1</u>
Presich livy (F Musphy/7st 38b)	25-1,	25-1	25 <u>-1</u>	25-1
Golden Arrow (M Pice/Est 7th)	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
Harbour Island (M Stoute/Bet 3lb)	25-1	20-1	25-1	20:1
tror's Flatter (D Eswarth/Ost 48b)	25-1	25-1	25-1	<u> 25-1</u>
Nabhasa (i) Morley(8st 2lb)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Northern Fleet (G Harwood/7st 5tb)	25-1	25-1	16-1	<u> 25-1</u>
Speed To Lead (H Cacil/Sat 10tb)	25-1	<u>25-1</u>	20-1	20-1
Upper Sallery (P C+tyam/7st 5fb)	<u> 20 1</u>	20-1	<u>, 25-1</u>	20-1
Berlin Blue (J W Watts/7st 8lb)	<u> 25-1</u>	33-1	25-1	20-1
En Vacannes (A Foster/Est 18)	<u>25-1</u>	<u>25-1</u>	33-1	<u> 25-1</u>
Great Eastery (W Storey/Gst 10th)	20-1	<u>16-1</u>	33-1	<u>25-1</u>
Mystic Hill (G Harwood/Sst 12%)	25-1	20-1	33-1	<u> 25-1</u>
Sathemen (I Dunion/Bst 4th)	33-1	25-1_	33-1	<u>25-1</u>
Thetan (Lady Herries/7st 13tb)	33-1		33-1	<u>25-1</u>
Unchanged (C Britteln/7st 9(b)	25-1	33-1_	25-1	25-1
Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3, 4 (Newmerlest, Saturday, 19 October)				

1997 2,000 Guineas Stakes (1m)				
Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Tota	
5-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	
8.1	10-1	10-1	10-1	
12-1	14-1	10-1	14-1	
16-1	14-1	20-1	14-1	
20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	
20-1	33-1	33-1	25.1	
20-1	33-1	25-1	25-1	
	5-1 8-1 12-1 16-1 20-1	Coral William Hill 5-2 5-2 6-1 10-1 12-1 14-1 16-1 14-1 20-1 20-1 33-1	Coral William HB Ladbrokes 5-1 5-2 5-2 6.1 10-1 10-1 12-1 14-1 10-1 16-1 14-1 20-1 20-1 20-1 20-1 20-1 33-1 33-1	

1997 1,000 Guineas Stakes (1m)				
Honse (Trainer)	Coral	William Kill	Ladbrokes	Tote
Dezrie (M. Stoute)	7-2	7-2	41	7-2
Red Complies (Sir M Prespott)	8-1	10-1	7.1	9-1
Fleet River (H Cacil)	10-1	12-1	14-1	14-1
Bianca Nera (D Lotler)	16-1	14-1	16-1	18-1
Roams Of Verse (H Čecil)	10-1	16-1	12-1	16-1
Samyle (W Hern)	16-1	18-1	14-1	14-1
Sleepytime (H Cacil)	16-1	14-1	16-1	20-1
One So Weederful (I cumpin)	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-1
Yeshesk (H Cacil)	20-1	25-1	20-1	<u>25-1</u>
Each-way a quarter the odds, places 1, 2, 3 (Newmarket, Sunday, 4 May)				

The pack left to chase the Pack

American football

MATT TENCH

When Brett Favre took his first snap of the campaign earlier this month he could be forgiven a twinge of trepidation. True he was the game's outstanding quarterback a year ago, but Favre had spent six weeks of the close season in a clinic rehabilitating from his publically confessed addiction to pain-killers. Would the same player return?

Three thumping victories later and it seems Favre is better than ever. His team, the Green Bay Packers, were widely tipped to supplant the Dallas Cowboys as the NFC's representatives in the Super Bowl. Their breathtaking early-season form suggests their presence in the big game is little more than a formality. The latest victims, the previously unbeaten San Diego Chargers, were mauled 42-10, with Favre throwing three touchdown passes to take his season's total

to an astonishing 10. As reassuring for fans of one of the league's storied franchises is that each area of their team is operating at full throttle: LeRoy Butler returned an interception 90 yards for one score while Desmond Howard - the former Heisman Trophy winner who failed to make the grade in Washington - ran back a punt

65 yards for another. Next week the Pack visit the Minnesota Vikings, who somewhat surprisingly have matched them win for win. Their starting quarterback Warren Moon hardly missed when injury ruled him out of the first two games returned to steer his team to a 20-14 triumph in Chicago.

Indianapolis, Miami and Kansas City also boast 3-0 records, a scenario the Colts could hardly have expected when they visited the Cowboys with a side riven by injuries. The most notable of six absentees was running back Marshall Faulk, and as they fell 21-3 behind in the second quarter the excuses were no doubt being dusted down.

However the Cowboys are not the ruthless outfit of vesteryear, and the Colts battled back to force a field goal shoot-out in the final quarter. In a dramatic finale Cary Blanchard notched a 43-yarder for the Colts with 53 seconds to go (his fourth of the game), then the Cowboys' Chris Boniol hit the crossbar as he failed to convert from 56 yards as time expired.

That left the Colts the winners by 25-24, their first victory over the Cowboys since Super Bowl V in 1970.

Next Monday the Colts entertain the Dolphins, who continued their impressive start under Jimmy Johnson by beating the New York Jets 36-27. The Dolphins trailed 14-0, but Dan Marino, having had a pass intercepted and returned 100 yards for a TD, threw for three of his own: a suitable way to celebrate his 35th birthday. The Chiefs were comfortable winners over Seattle, with the cor-nerback Dale Carter doubling as wide receiver and catching a TD pass.

The Houston Oilers have also made a good start to the season, but even if they win the Super Bowl they are unlikely to stir the local populace: Committed to leaving for Tennessee in two years' time, the Oilers attracted their lowest crowd ever to watch the defeat of Baltimore: a paltry 20,082. Results, tables, Digest, page 25

Makinen wins world title for Mitsubishi

Railying

Tommi Makinen yesterday succeeded Britain's Colin McRae as world champion by winning the Rally Australia.

The 32-year-old Finn secured the championship with a comfortable victory in the fourday, 974-mile rally in his Mitsubishi Lancer. McRae was fourth, his first finish for three months, while his fellow Briton Richard Burns held on to fifth place in his Mitsubishi.

McRae's Subaru team-mate Kenneth Eriksson finished second, Imin 17sec behind Makinen, and the former world champion Carlos Sainz, of Spain, was third, a further four seconds behind. In completing his fifth win of

the season, Makinen became the first driver to win more than half the rounds of the world championship in one year and the first Mitsubishi driver to win the title. The San Remo Rally, which

is the next round in the world championship, will start on 13 Guy Hodgson pays a visit to Buckmore Park in Kent to uncover the Formula One 'Champions of the Future'

Real boy racers given kart blanche

The scenes around the paddock were familiar. Shapely women mingled among the dirt and the Oil, fussing over their drivers while wondering whether their nerves could stand the strain of viewing their loved ones defy physics on the track. The difference was that these were mothers, not wives or

"I watch," one said, her tope betraying the depth of her bravery. "A lot of mothers can't but I feel I'm in control of events if I'm there. It's stupid, I know." Did she worry? Her eyebrows threatened to take off. "Of course," she said. "Of course I

Buckmore Park, near Chatham in Kent, looks like a tadpole, his head made enormous by a nelmet, the spindliness of his alls, but these eight to 16-yearolds hope - no, expect - to be transformed into princes of motor racing.

The event was billed Champions of the Future and is no idle boast. Michael Schumacher, Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost took their first fix of speed behind the wheel of a kart and all but two of today's grand prix drivers took that route towards the pinnacle of motor racing. One of them is Damon Hill, who hopes to wrap up the Formula One world championship this weekend in Portugal, but more

"The great drivers today were great kart drivers yesterday, said Ron Dennis, boss of the McLaren-Mercedes Formula One team, who sponsor the sixrace series. "It's a common thread. There's no doubt that a small percentage of the drivers you see here will make it to the top. In 10 years if everything

There might have been embryonic grand prix drivers at Buckmore Park but the scenes would have astonished people whose exposure to motor racing is limited to Formula One. There is no equivalent of Williams, for example, a team so dominant that others, mechanical breakdown or mistakes apart, are destined to follow and. glory be, overtaking is done on the track instead of in pit lanes. The karts were wheel to wheel. fighting for an advantage.

A short while spent at the hairpin closest to the paddock



The next generation of would-be grand prix drivers take to their karts at Buckmore Park

eyes and pray. Kids only just too were fractions apart, their tyres screaming in protest, a plastic petrol tank wedged between their legs and their rears two inches from the ground. They are boy racers in the best terms of the words, too young and not daft enough to confine their wheelspins to fast exits from pub

car parks on a Friday night.
"The smell of two-stroke and the noise, it's all very nostalgic," Martin Brundle, the Jordan driver, said. "You miss the hooligan element, if you like, in showed why mothers close their Formula One, charging around

and having a good old scrap. old to be playing with Dinky cars. The tracks are big enough to overtake and the atmosphere is

There are other qualities

required in an F1 driver, like a thick skin when your boss tells you to accelerate in the direction of another team, and the organisers of the Champions of the Future series were not exactly left on the grid when it came to landing a soft blow on a body that has taken a verbal nummelling in recent weeks. "If he'd raced karts," a press release read, "would Damon Hill be better at overtaking?"

The gist of the argument was that karts teach parts of racing that are hard to acquire elsewhere. Hill, so paddock wisdom had it, does not go by his rivals with the smooth ease of Schumacher because karting

was left out of his education. "Karts are so evenly matched," said Martin Hines, three times the world karting champion and creator of the series, "that the slightest error can mean you lose 10 places. If you go off line a whole train of karts come by bumper to bumper and there's no gap for you to get back in. It teaches

you not to make any mistakes." David Coulthard, who raced with Hill at Williams before joining McLaren, would not be so stupid as to criticise a driver who is poised to win the world championship, but he began his racing in karts at the age of 11 and acknowledges the debt. "I learned how to drive in them." he said. "I used to race every weekend, four times a day. whereas now I only compete in 16 races a year. My skills were honed in karts. All I've done

since is develop my knowledge

The sheer enormity of the

of how to set a car up.

transition through the various grades of motor racing hits you then Coulthard, a grand prix driver for three seasons, reveals he only paid off his debts incurred on the way up last year. It's not just the racing that makes champions for the future important, he says, but the education programme being run alongside it to teach young drivers out-of-car skills like dealing with potential sponsors and the media. 'There's, a. much, clearer

route into cars now," he said. Even when I was starting there was no natural progression

from karts in this country,

whereas now these kids will tell you which type of car they will be driving and in what year. It's all mapped out. There's no doubt about it, some of the youngsters here will make it."

Like possibly the two youngsters from the Formula Cadets race who clearly were aggrieved with each other after a heat. There was no violence but a few pouts and glares were exchanged before the duo retired to their own teams with tales to tell. As they had been saying all afternoon, a perfect grounding for Formula One.

Houston in control at Loftus Road

Football NICK DUXBURY

Stewart Houston yesterday spoke of the desire to be the top man that drove him to take charge at Queen's Park Rangers and end a 10-year association with Arsenal.

Houston, who has signed a three year contract, succeeded Ray Wilkins at the First Division club, three days after leaving his second spell as caretaker manager at Highbury. "This wasn't an instant deci-

sion, but one that was made over many events in the past six weeks," the 47-year-old Houslon said. They have been a fantastic six weeks, and the strength I have gained has been

"What it told me was that it was time for me to progress to a fresh challenge and have a go at being a No I.

Houston will make the fullest use of the experience he gained working alongside George Graham at Arsenal. 'Anybody who doesn't learn quickly working under George Graham is a fool, "he said. "George was a teacher and also a winner." He refused to disclose whether Graham had offered him the chance to team up again at Leeds United.

Houston's war chest for putting Rangers back in the Premiership is less than the £9m that has been rumoured, but the club's multi-millionaire chairman, Chris Wright, insisted that there was no need for the club's 19th manager since the Second World War to sell before buying - a relief for Rangers supporters anxious about Trevor Sinclair's future.

Houston's baptism comes in tomorrow's second round Coca-Cola Cup tie at Swindon Town, but first he has to sort out a ticklish problem with his old mentor, Graham, regarding the extension of Mark Hateley's loan spell at Leeds which could

leave the striker cup-tied. Danny Bergara also got the chance to have his name on the manager's door when Rotherham United filled the vacancy created earlier in the day by the departure of Archie Gemmill and John McGovern after two years in charge. The Uruguayoom Bergara, who was assistant to David Pleat at Sheffield Wednesday, takes over a side who are bottom of the Second Division without a win in nine

The managerial changes in Scotland continued with Steve Archibald being sacked by First Division East Fife over "differences of opinion" and lain Munro accepting the task of making Raith Rovers a "force in the Premier League".

Joe Royle's transfer fund for a striker is to be boosted by £10m from a new Everton share issue, while at the other end of the scale, Preston North End have broken their transfer record to sign the Wimbledon defender Alan Reeves for £350,000.

Derby County have outflanked would-be predators by securing the services of their two outstanding Croatians with new deals. The defender Igor Stimac has had his contract extended by two years, and the midfielder Aljosa Asanovic has agreed to an additional year.

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The Football Association is to introduce random breath tests for professional players in a drive to warn about the dangers of alcohol. The testing, which was was planned before Arsenal's Tony Adams revealed his drink problem, will take place after matches and at training sessions. "The object is to identify those players who do have a problem and bring this to the attention of the club's medical staff," an FA spokesman said yesterday.

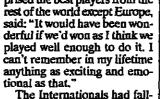
Couples conquers rest of the world

Fred Couples trickled in a 30foot birdie putt to clinch a onepoint victory for the United States over the International team in the Presidents Cup at Gainesville, Virginia. The US won 16-15, but only after a mammoth struggle in the 12 final-day singles matches. Couples, in the final match,

needed to beat Vijay Singh to capture the cup, and did so at the 17th hole. After the former US Masters champion sank his birdie putt, Singh had to hole his 15-footer to keep the competition alive, but he was bothered by a spike mark and missed. Peter Thomson, captain of the losing side, which comprised the best players from the

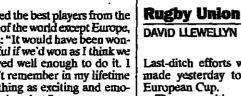
en five points behind on the first deficit to one point going into win seven of the 12 singles.

and Frank Nobilo all won their



The Internationals had fallday, recovering to reduce the the final day, but still needed to

first seven singles contests and the international team needed to win all the last five. Steve Elkington, Emie Els, Greg Norman matches, but Couples proved



The US then won five of the too strong for Singh. Scores, Digest, Page 25



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and Sunday and watch out for our first transfer period, coming soon.



THE INDEPENDENT SINDEPENDENT

on the brink of extinction

Last-ditch efforts were being made yesterday to save the

European Cup.
The competition, backed by Heineken and broadcast by ITV, was won last year by Toulouse after a thrilling final against Cardiff. But it has been beset by rumours and whisperings of failure, and ITV has cer-

tain misgivings about it. Two of European Rugby Cup Ltd's leading officials, Tom Kiernan and Vernon Pugh, met ITV officials yesterday in an attempt to keep the tournament, due to begin next month, on the fixture list. But last night leading club officials in England were pre-dicting that ITV, whose total input is in the region of £15m. would pull out. If they did,

Heineken would surely follow. An ITV spokesperson said: "ITV's coverage is under discussion. There is a problem." That problem is believed to do with the scheduling of program-mes and the number of matches

they are supposed to cover. Another of ITV's worries is the possible non-participation of the English clubs, particularly in light of revelations over the weekend of a newly formed European Rugby Federation which would embrace clubs in the four Home Unions as well as those in France. Italy and possibly Romania. An organisation such as ERF clearly would have plans to run their own competition, something which English Professional Rugby Union Clubs are eager to do. Anything that hindered or brought about the demise of a competition run by the present British governing bodies would aid the clubs' cause.

To date, the other participating countries in the cup, in which the top four Courage League One clubs are scheduled to play, and the Conference (the secondary competition involving the bottom six English clubs in the First Division) have all signed an agreement that they will participate for the remaining two years of the tournament None of the English clubs have signed anything, although they have stated they will participate this season. But time is running out, with the opening matches due to be played on 12 October.

European Cup Americans provide a 'cheap fix' Now that the lights have gone Allowing teams to fill their

up on the new Budweiser League season, the only place on the planet where the fans can watch more Americans play basketball is in the United

Equally certain is that the lights are going down on basketball as an international sport in England. After the Bosman ruling, the clubs have lost an average of just over one player per team to the Continent, including leading internationals such as Steve Bucknall (to Greece), Trevor Gordon (Italy) and Andy Gardiner (Belgium).

But the league have allowed clubs to recruit three extra Americans, up to a maximum of five per team. This has reduced the playing opportunities for English players, the lifeblood of

rational team development.

The league's priorities lie in satisfying sponsors and television, and reducing the liabilities of their clubs, who lost £1.5m last

English basketball players are being pushed aside. Richard Taylor reports

year. With Budweiser adding a £1.5m two-year extension to their sponsorship and Sky TV showing a weekly live game after Sunday's Premiership football, the league faced the prospect of empty seats and a talent gap that had to be filled.

The league's chief executive, Mike Smith, said: "Emotionally we might feel it is the wrong decision. But, to be practical, we had to ensure there was a workforce to operate the league." Caught in the crossfire are

England's Hungarian coach, Laszlo Nemeth, and Kevin Cadle, the American coach of the league champions London Towers, who open their European Cup campaign in Italy to-morrow against Verona. Cadle, who lost Bucknall, Gardiner and Martin Henlan to Continental clubs, can use just two Ameri-

cans in the cup to comply with international regulations, and he fears London could be the last

English team to play in Europe.

"If a team wins the league with five Americans this season, are they going to dump three of them to play in Europe next season if the regulations stay the same? I don't think so. I hope it doesn't happen but I know we could be the last English club

to play in one of the major European competitions." Nemeth has to assemble players for three European Championship games in the autumn and is now dependent on the co-operation of Continental coaches. "There were solutions to keep our best players here, but no one

vanted to explore them," he said. "My players are all over Europe - I'll be lucky to get them the night before a game.

ranks with low-grade Ameri cans, in some cases, was a quick and cost-effective fix. "It's cheaper for the clubs," said Jeff Jones, the Derby Storm coach who has signed five Americans this season. Jones. 42 is an American who naturalised to play for England and now helps coach national junior

Players like Bucknall could command £20,000 last season and owners know their coaches can get two Americans for that money," Jones said. "Bucknull is earning £150,000 with the Greek club Iraklis, while the total salary cap for each Bud-

weiser League club is £135 (RII).
"It's a business and the owners and the League had to protect the product. On the surface, it's the quickest and easiest solution to combat the players' exodus. But it is a policy of isolation from the rest of Europe."

Cut hand rules McNamara out of tour

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

ice hockey

STEVE PINDER

The Bradford Bulls forward Steve McNamara is out of Great Britain's tour after an accident that could have cost him the use of his hand.

McNamara was helping out at his local amateur club, Skirlaugh, on Saturday when he tripped while carrying a crate of bottles, cutting his palm and

All-out action of the wrong sort saw eight players with Scottish clubs being ordered off at the

weekend. Three Dumfries

Vikings were thrown out in a rough-house at Dumfries as Paisley Pirates won 7-4 and five

were thrown out - three Pirates

and two Flyers - on Sunday

when Paisley edged Fife Flyers

5-3 to move to the top of the

Frank Dempster, the chair-

man of the British Ice Hockey

Association's disciplinary com-

Northern Premier Division.

damaging nerves and tendons. Three hours of surgery at Hull Royal Infirmary saved his career, but the player is understandably disappointed at missing the tour to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand. The players fly out on Friday.

had got my move from Hull to Bradford in the hope of more international honours, and I was playing well there," McNamara said. "I have been

Another blow to family values

mittee, said: "This does not help

the image of our family sport,

nor does it help to encourage potential sponsors."
Stephen Marshall, a Dumfries

director, said they would be

watching a video of the game be-

fore deciding what action, if

any, to take against Gordon Whyte, Dagan Kostic and Michael Tasker. The Paisley Pi-

rates dismissed on Sunday were

Scott Plews, Kenny Redmond

and Dean Edmiston. Fife Flyers

declined to comment on their

early bath pair Lee I letter and

The eight Superleague teams

player-coach Mark Morrison.

have qualified for the quarter-

nicked the artery and the doctors have told me that if the main cut had been there I could have lost my hand." McNamara is replaced by Barrie-Jon Mather, the former

Wigan centre or second-row and an England World Cup player. Mather has spent this scason with Perth's Western Reds

after transferring from Wigan. Wigan have joined Sheffield Eagles and St Helens in making lucky in one way because I an inquiry for Warrington's

finals of the Benson & Hedges

Cup, reflecting the growing

gulf between themselves and

into their last game, against

Newcastle Cohras, unbeaten

and looked set to take their run

to six when they found them-

selves 3-0 down half-way

through the game. Cobras struck back through Terho

Koskela, Rick Brebant and

Chris Norton to level the score.

and even after Scott Young

made it 4-3 to Ayr with 10 min-

utes left, Jukka Soumanalinen

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found time to equalise.

Ayr Scottish Eagles went

the regionalised divisions.

Harris, Warrington are to sign the Wigan and former Great Britain hooker Martin Dermott, and the New Zealand second-row Tony Tatupu.



COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Surrey stumble along the trail to glory, Kent stay in the chase and Lancashire sink without trace

Stewart's shuffle short of the mark

reports from Cardiff Glamorgan 364 & 442-9 dec Surrey 471-9 dec & 205-7

Surrey's Championship aspirations are receding rapidly. After failing to meet Glamorgan's demand to score 336 off what turned out to be 51 overs in Cardiff, victory over Worcestershire in their final match of the season, at The Oval this week may not be enough to earn them their first County title since 1971.

who can take the Championship by earning maximum bonus points and a draw against Middlesex at Grace Road. Alec Stewart responded to the

challenge laid down by Matthew Maynard by shuffling his batting order, but Brendon Julian lasted only two balls before he was dismissed by Steve Watkin, and Mark Butcher went in the second over. There was still hope: Surrey may have lost two wickets in two overs but they had scored 15 runs, and Adam Holno mood to capitulate.

Lewis cut, drove and pulled his way to 40 off 28 balls before

Hat-trick lifts Kent to victory

Kent kept themselves in the hunt for the County Championship title by completing a remarkable 148-run victory at Canterbury as Hampshire collapsed.

Martin McCague took 5 for 3 in 17 deliveries, including his first hat-trick for the county, as the visitors lost their last eight wickets for seven runs in 44 balls, spanning 42 minutes.

Kent's second hat-trick in the match following Dean Headley's record-equalling third triple of the season on Saturday helped McCagne to figures of 6 for 51 and he and Headley have now taken more than 100 Championship wickets between them this season.

Hampshire had looked in complete control at 143 for 1, with Kent's only success until then having come 50 minutes into the day when McCagne trapped Jason Laney leg before for 14 with the total 25. Giles White and Paul Whitaker then added 118 for the second wicket hefore McCague started the int bowling Whitaker for 53 with the total on 143.

Robin Smith went two runs later, also to McCague, and then the former England fast bowler got the wickets of Will Kendall, Adrian Aymes and Dimitri Mascarenhas to leave Hamp-

shire struggling on 149 for 6.

Matthew Fleming polished off the tail with 3 for 0 in six balls as the Kent celebrations began in earnest.

A modest McCague said: "We have been doing the job for Kent all season and will keep doing so.

Graeme Hick's first century since he lost his England place helped Worcestershire to a fivewicket victory over Gloucestershire at New Road. Chasing 308 in 81 overs, they cruised home after Hick had made his 90th first-class 100 during a stand of 201 for the second wicket with Philip Weston, who scored 89.

Hick's old West Indian adversary Courtney Walsh caused the only problems as Worcestershire made the most of a careerbest match return of 13 for 159 by their Australian captain, Tom Moody. Walsh yorked the opener Tim Curtis and returned after tea to dismiss the two top scorers in the space of 10 balls.

before tea, beaten by the arm ball when going down the wicket to Robert Croft and duly stumped by Adrian Shaw.

Surrey were 84 for 3 at tea but only nine overs had been bowled. It was decision time but they could not make up their minds. Again, Stewart tinkered with the order. He promoted Martin Bicknell, who managed just two, above his brother, Darren, and did not enter the frav himself until the fall of the fifth wicket, the vital one of Hollioake's, bowled by Croft for 85, with the total at 154 in the 26th over.

Effectively that was that, and when Dean Cosker sent back Stewart and Graham Thorpe in quick succession it was Glamorgan who were entertaining thoughts of an unlikely win.

Surrey had needed an early breakthrough when Glamorgan resumed at 218 for 3 with a lead of 111 runs. It did not come. Steve James and Anthony Cottey extended their fourthwicket partnership to 168 and took Glamorgan to 262 before Cottey was bowled around his legs by Nadeem Shahid for 83.

James soon lost Adrian Dale and had scored 131 in 298 balls when Shahid moved one across the face of the bat and Thorpe took the catch at slip.

A Glamorgan lead of 234 at kunch still left Surrey with a real chance but frustration set in when they were anable to bring an end to the seventh-wicket partnership between Shaw and Croft that realised 79 runs. More importantly in Surrey's eyes, it occupied 18 overs. It was Butcher, the ninth bowler used, who succeeded where his betters had failed, tempting Croft into a slash outside off-stump and Lewis taking the catch at point.

Stewart handed the gloves to Shahid to become the 10th bowler, sending down two overs for 24 runs in a somewhat pointless exercise that smacked more of pique than the professionalism. Butcher had Shaw caught at slip for a career-best 74 and sent back Steve Watkin first ball. Owen Parkin denied him his hat-trick before Maynard eventually relented.



Over the edge: Peter Moores, the wicket-keeper, accepts the chance of a catch offered by Essex's England batsman Nasser Hussain off lan Salisbury as Sussex charge to victory at Chelmsford yesterday

Northants build toward bright future

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Northampton Lancashire 356 & 275 Northants 471 & 163-1 Northants win by nine wickets

Northamptonshire made relatively short work of Lancashire, comfortably putting together their third Championship victory of the season half an hour before tea.

After Paul Taylor had taken four wickets in the first hour. Rob Bailey, at his most commanding, and Mal Loye, who was rather less than that, saw back near to the top, by the milthem home.

This time last year, North-amptonshire, with 12 victories to their credit, were hoping, under Allan Lamb, to win their first Championship. It was not to be, however, and although this season has been much less successful they are ending it with every reason to look ahead

with optimism. John Emburey has had a big influence as their semi-active guru, and there are a number of highly promising young players coming through who

should take Northamptonshire

lennium at any rate. The old guru has not yet finally hung up his boots either, and will certainly be seen in limited-overs cricket next year.

One hears that Laneashire, on the other hand, are finishing the season in an unsettled state of mind. Despite winning the two major limited-over competitions, even if their Championship record is a disgrace, not everyone at Old Trafford appears to want Mike Watkinson to continue as captain. His

opponents favour the choice of

County Chempionship

(Pinel day of four)

CHELMSFORD: S. (8) by 137 runs.

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ever-increasing number of oneday competitions out East in August and September may limit his availability. The debate will no doubt continue for some

On this last day, Lancashire's cricket reflected this apparent lack of agreement in the dressing room. Starting 111 ahead of Northamptonshire with five wickets in hand on a turning pitch, Lancashire's remaining batsmen needed to put their heads down and graft. As it was, three were caught on the deep square-leg boundary, pulling, and a fourth was low playing the

same stroke. Taylor was the main beneficiary and he has now taken his taily of first-class wickets to 63.

Needing 161 to win, Northamptoushire lost Richard Warren to the first ball of the innings when he drove Peter Martin to cover. Martin swung the ball away from the bat and Bowled beautifully but was unhtcky. His colleagues were not able to live up to him. The fielding was untidy, too, and Love was dropped twice and Bailey once as they took Northamptonshire to victory with an unbroken stand of 163.

8 Loye 90, TC Welton 52, KM Curren 93, K

SPORTING DIGEST Harrison edges Edwards again

Athletics

Jonathan Edwards was beaten for the first time since the 45,33 seconds, while Frankie Olympics in the triple jump at the Fredericks of Namibia edged Toto International event in Tokyo vesterday.

Edwards could manage only 17.38 metres, which left him behind the American Kenny Harrison, who recorded 17.51 to repeat his victory over Edwards in Atlanta.

Another Briton defeated by a familiar opponent was Steve Backley, who threw 84.46m to finish third in the javelin behind the man who consigned him to silver at the Games, Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic. 1min 42.17sec.

The British Olympic Associ-

Gillingham was promoted to

In the 400m, Roger Black led a high-class field, albeit minus Michael Johnson, home in past the field in the second half of the 100m race to beat the Olympic champion Donovan Bailey, who was relegated to third behind the second-placed

Dennis Mitchell. Meriene Ottey also gained a measure of revenge against Gail Devers in the women's 100m, reversing their Olympic finish. Chandra Sturrup of the

Bahamas was third. Wilson Kinketer turned in the fourth fastest 800m time ever in

Gillingham, who would have

become the first British swim-

cessive Games, was told at the

time he would have the back-

ing of the BOA in any appeal.

"I am bitterly disappointed at the decision," said Gillingham,

who retired after the Games. "I

believe there should be an

appeal and I should have finan-

cial support to lodge an appeal. I have got to talk to a few people

before deciding what to do

A BOA press officer, Pat Ew-

Gillingham fails in appeal bid

Henman winning fight for fitness

Tim Henman is winning his fitness fight to lead Great Britain's Davis Cup promotion bid against Egypt at Wimbledon, which starts on Friday.

The world No 33 has been troubled by a groin injury after his defeat by Stefan Edberg in the US Open earlier this month. but survived his first practice ses-

sion yesterday.

A Lawn Tennis Association spokesman said: "He came through without any problems and unless there is reaction he looks certain to play at the weekend."

Britain's side is completed by Greg Rusedski, Mark Petchey and the doubles specialist Neil Broad, who won the Olympic Games silver medal alongside Henman in Atlanta.

> TODAY'S NUMBER

The crashes that marked the first race at the new Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Sunday The indyCar event, which also saw four drivers taken to hospital, was won by Richie Heam in a Reynard-Ford.

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runs, including two by Cat Ripken and three by Bobby Bonilla, to set a Mejor League record for homers in a season in their 16-6 win on Sunday over the Detroit Tiggers.
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third in Atlanta when Andrei Korneev was stripped of his medal because of a positive drugs test, but the Russian was reinstated when it was ruled there was not sufficient evidence to establish the drug was covered by the Olympic Commit-tees' medical code. Football 7.30 unless stated
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GLENN MOORE

Arsenal finally named their new manager yesterday, two other managers and six weeks after they first decided to hire him. Given Highbury's descent into farce, it would have been fitting if the new manager had been named Rix - Brian, not Graham. In the event it is, as expected. Arsène Wenger, who becomes the first Frenchman to manage in England.

However, the farce has one final act - Wenger will not be taking over until the end of the month, by which time Arsenal will probably be out of Europe (they have already lost their Uefa Cup home leg 3-2 against Romesia Mönchengladbach). Until then Pat Rice, who

er, Stewart Houston, resigned on Friday, will be in change. He will oversee the return leg with Mönchengladbach and league games against Middlesbrough and Sunderland and will then become Wenger's assistant -Arsenal have degled approaching either Rix (Graham) or Chris Waddle for that post. However Houston - who was

Queen's Park Rangers - could yet entice Rice to Loftus Road. Wenger's first official day at Highbury is to be on 30 September. He will have 12 days' strace before the first competitive match - away to Blackburn Rovers on 12 October. The 47year-old becomes the 19th and highest-paid manager in Arsenal's history; he is believed to be

The move has created an international managerial merrygo-round which underlines the global nature of the modern game. Wenger will be replaced in Japan by Carlos Quiroga, a former manager of the Portuguese national side who is currently coaching the New York/New Jersey Metrostars. Nagoya Grampus Eight, the J-League club Wenger transreceiving £2m over three years.

serious force, had originally intended to retain Wenger until November, still two months before his contract expired. The situation changed, said Masaharu Teshima, a Grampus Eight spokesman, when Arsenal sacked Bruce Rioch.

Interestingly, it suggests Ar-senal sacked Rioch in the hope it would lead to an early release

Eight] nothing for his early release. They have acted like gentlemen and accepted that he so badly wanted to come to us."

Few would suggest Arsenal have behaved like gentlemen during the affair, but although his appointment has been badly handled, Wenger remains a bold, even admirable, choice. He comes with a high reputathere and who was inspired to coach by Wenger.

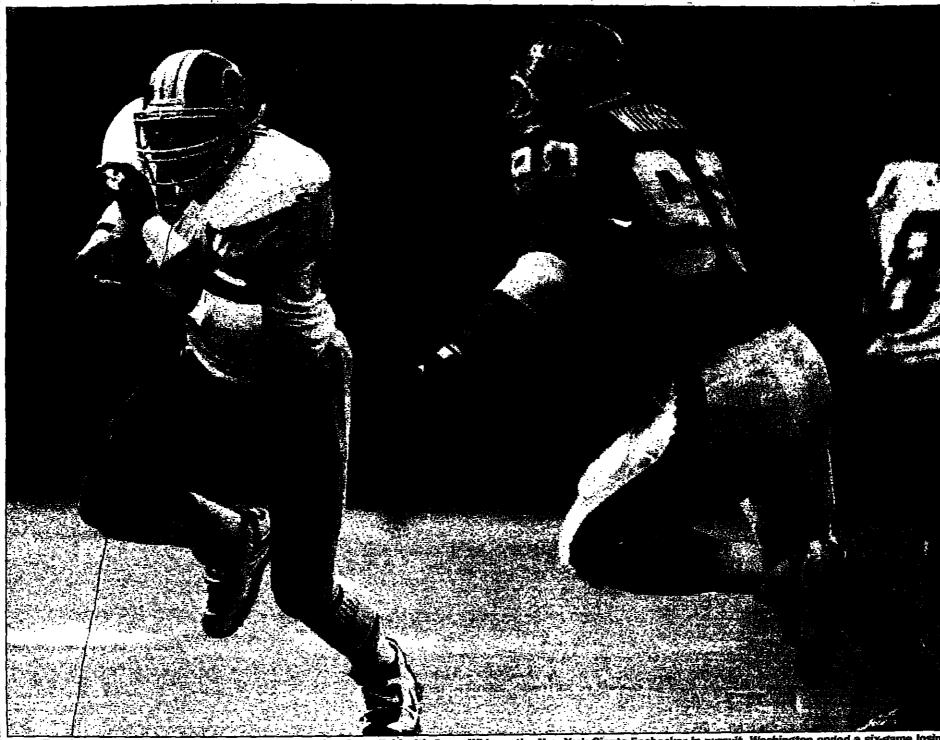
The Frenchman becomes only the fourth non-British citizen to manage at the highest level in England. Two of the others - Ossie Ardiles and Rund Gullit - played here. The third, Josef Venglos, did not and the Czech lasted just one un-

us," Hill-Wood said. "I believe Arsène Wenger is going to be a great success and drag foot ball in this country into the 20th century. There is no doubt in my mind we are blinkered and backward as a sporting nation.

"Look at the British results in Europe, they were not good, in-cluding ours. We keep teiling ourselves we have the best league in Europe, but it is not true. We need to catch up with the Continentals and we think Arsene is the man to help us."

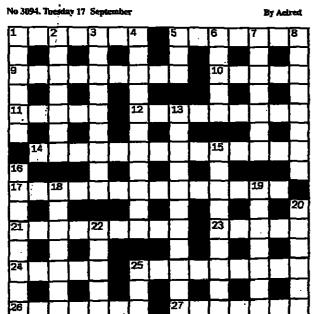
Wenger, speaking from Japan, said yesterday. It is my dream to take over a club in a top European league and if I didn't take the opportunity now, it may never happen.

Allen ends Washington's giant losing streak



Terry Allen (left), the Washington Redskins running back, breaks upfield with Corey Widmer, the New York Giants linebacker in pursuit. Washington ended a six-game losing Photograph: Jon Simon/Reuters sequence against the Giants with a 31-10 victory, Green Bay win again, page 23

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Salisbury's best all but ends Essex title hopes

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Chelmsford Sussex 363 and 417-8 dec Essex 360 and 283 Sussex win by 137 runs

Another challenge for the title has been expunged in all but remote technicality, and TOP OF THE TABLE Leicestershire will rest casier after Essex's failure to beat Sussex at home yesterday. Set 421 to win off a minimum of 71 overs, the home side fell apart in the middle, Ian Salisbury taking a career-best 8 for 75 as risks

ment will not be easy to swallow, particularly as another new dawn fades to grey. Al-19 Sept: Glamorgan (6) though pedantic mathematical possibilities still exist – should pitch's extra purchase proved heartening. For one thing, he was Essex win their final match, and cither pestilence or flood sudmore positive yesterday, starting denly descend upon Grace over the wicket and continuing. Road - only Kent now despite Essex's thunderous start realistically have the beating of which saw the hundred posted in the 14th over.

weekend's weather set fair. Essex's run chase was a big the prestigious scalp of Stuart ask in any language, let alone Law with a masterful delivery in the dropped aitches that acthat pitched middle and hit the companied former glories. The top of off. The Australian repitch, so good for three days, turned to the pavilion with the yesterday began to help the

the Midlands county, should this

spinners. Apart from failing to associated with those hamboozled by Shane Warne. win the toss and thereby take In the past, Essex have always the last bowl on this slowly eroding surface, Essex have little to

been sustained over big last-innings totals by centuries from their batting grand master Gra-ham Gooch. Although he began admonish themselves over. However, for Salisbury, who had confined himself almost solely to bowling around the well, dispatching the scam of James Kirtley and Vasbert Drakes with the disdain of his wicket in the first innings, the youth, a misjudgment against Salisbury - a top-edged sweep - cost him his wicket.

It meant that Essex now relied upon Nasser Hussain and Law. Both began well, with Hus-sain cutting sweetly and Law plundering a six and two fours off Salisbury. Both, however, perished as the run rate began to climb, Law's exit prompting a collapse that saw Essex lose three wickets with the score on 167, including that of Ronnie Irani for a third-ball duck.

Only a Pyrrhic half-century by Robert Rollins prevented compicte capitulation, as the draw and its extra three points were given little consideration.

In truth, Essex lost their chance by allowing Sussex to add 82 runs to their overnight score. Apart from a couple of umpiring decisions that irked them, each run pricked as sharp as the seaxes on their sweaters. That pain is sure to haunt them should Leicestershire and Kent

stumble in a few days' time.

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Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final over lorge Cadete's fitness.

Aberdeen hope to continu tonight, and may also be out of the first Old Firm derby of the season against Rangers at Ibrox on 28 September.

The 31-year-old Scotland in-ternational has undergone a minor knee operation after initially sustaining the injury in last month's World Cup qualifier against Austria in Vienna. Celtic also have Alan Stubbs still injured and Brian O'Neil suspended, but that is nothing

by comparison to the problems facing Hearts. The four players sent off against Rangers on Saturday -Pasquale Bruno, David Weir, Neil Pointon and Paul Ritchie - will all be serving their auto-

matic one-match suspensions. Three more defenders are injured, but Jim Jefferies, the Hearts manager, said: "The quality of the four players we have lost will clearly lessen our chances, but we won't be sitting back, it's not as if you can play

with a full squad, but we will give it our best shot. Sometimes when the chips are down it can

work in your favour." Jefferies, who has Craig Levein, Gary Locke and the reserve defender David Murie injured, could add the 13-year-old left-back Gary Naysmith because of the four suspensions. Celtic add Stuart Gray to their test to Craig Robertson.

Tosh McKinlay will miss Celtic's squad, while there is a doubt Aberdeen hope to continue their impressive defence of the cup as they travel to the First Division side Dundee in a repeat of last season's final,

which Aberdeen won 2-0. Jim Duffy, the Dundee manager, is waiting for news on the fitness of George Shaw, while the defender Tommy McQueen is out injured. "It was a big high to beat United at Tannadice and it would be completely unbelievable to knock out Aberdeen as well," Duffy said.

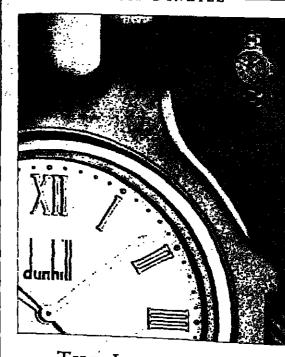
Financially, it would not make a great deal of difference to us unless we made it back to a final. The day someone comes in here and offers me money to buy a player is the day I will

Aberdeen could recall the midfielder Paul Bernard at tu expense of either David Rowson or Darren Young, while Stephen Glass and Dean Windass are fit.

The other Premier v First Division match is at East End Park, where Dunfermline meet Partick Thistle. Dunfermline five years ago where they lost to Hibs, while Partick have not made any impression on a cup tournament since reaching the

Scottish Cup semi-final in 1979. Thistle will be without Tommy Turner, Dave Farrell and Tom Smith, while Dunfermline have Hamish French back but will give a late fitness

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